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New look for official website

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation official website has recently undergone significant changes for a more user-friendly interaction and a cutting edge look.

The new site will allow tribal citizens to download applications, forms and information on their home computers or at their local community centers.



Ron Raper, Information Technology Manager, has installed computers and lines for several of the community centers to assist tribal citizens with the equipment needed to contact tribal departments via the e-mail system, as well as access many forms and applications.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Communications Department now monitors, maintains and instructs changes to the site through the Graphic Design Division. Carla Brown, Webmaster and Graphic Designer, will manage these changes and implement all information as it is received.

“This site is growing daily and over the next few months it will increase in informational size,” said Brown. “Our website committee, which consists of David King, Housing Division, Brandy Stuart, MIS Health Administration, and Suzie Joki, Graphic Design Assistant, have one goal in mind, that is to create a site that will be both educational and easy to use. The Tribe has so much to offer citizens and through this website we hope to provide a way of getting this information into the homes of our citizens.”

For questions and comments pertaining to the website, contact Brown at (918) 732-7643. Visit the newly structured site at www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov.

Tribal officials break ground for Casino expansion

by Gerald Wofford

TULSA — Tribal progress was made again Saturday, March 12 as the Muscogee (Creek) Nation broke ground on a \$3.4 million expansion project at the Tulsa Casino on 81st and Riverside Drive.

The expansion project will expand the casino to about 81,000 sq. ft. of gaming space. “This is really exciting for our nation,” said Principal Chief A.D. Ellis. “We (tribe) have been looking forward to this expansion for some time.”

The south side of the casino will be expanded by adding 34,000 square feet and, once completed, the entire casino will have 400 new gaming machines. Currently the casino has about 1,200 gaming devices.

Chief Ellis explained to the audience that the expansion project is not part of the \$100 million dollar resort plan that was announced last year. The resort will be built in another location along Riverside drive. No immediate plans have been released for this project. “Probably the first of Sep-

tember, we will have another ground breaking for our showplace casino of Oklahoma,” said Chief Ellis.

With the expansion of the Tulsa Casino, officials are expecting an additional 200 jobs to be created.

“We’re doing this for our citizens, our Creek people,” added Chief Ellis. “There’s been comments that gaming takes the money out of the economy. Well, that’s a bad remark because the millions and millions of dollars that we make here at this casino is being put right back into the economy of eastern Oklahoma.”

Chief Ellis also remarked on the impact tribes will have across the state. “I just vision for the next two years what will happen with the Muscogee Nation and all the Indian Nations of eastern Oklahoma. We’re going to have a huge impact on what happens to this state!”

The expansion project is expected to be completed by August.



Pictured above, from left to right, is Claude Sumner, Principal Chief A.D. Ellis, and Ed Bishop, E.G.B.

Special election to fill National Council vacancy to be held

OKMULGEE — In accordance with NCA 99-20, Article X, Section 9-100 of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is announcing a call for a Special Election to fill the vacancy of Seat E in the Tulsa District.

The National Council adopted NCA 99-20 which authorizes the Principal Chief to call for a Special Election whenever a vacancy occurs in accordance with Article V Section 1 (c).

The filing period will be March 21 through March 23, 2005 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. There will

be a \$200 filing fee.

The Special Primary Election shall be held April 16 and if there is need for a Special General Election, it will be held on May 21, 2005.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation declared that there is a need for a Special Election to fill the vacancy of Seat E in the Tulsa District due to the death of National Council Representative Jesse Kelley.

For more information, please call the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Election Board at (918) 732-7684 or 7685.

Expression of Thanks

Editor:

On behalf of the family of Polly Ann (Washington) Fish, I would like to thank you for your thoughtful expression of sympathy to Reverend Norman Daniel, Shurden Funeral Home, Hospice of Del City and the McLoud Nursing Home Staff.

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part.

KoKo Lowe, Okmulgee

Thanks to soldiers and members of tribe

Editor:

As we draw close to the end of our tour in Iraq, I want to thank you for all of your support, not only the members of your tribe, but also to all the soldiers of the 120th Engineer Battalion. Our Chaplain, CPT Fisher, has had the opportunity to visit our units at various operating bases to photograph the member(s) of your tribe. Her efforts allows me to fulfill my part of our agreement to send back one of the flags we flew in Iraq and photos of your tribe's members.

We have had a successful tour in the fight against Global terrorism and establishing democracy in Iraq. The members of your tribe have served honorably and you can be proud of their service. I am sure that you are as proud of them as I am and that you will honor them for their service once they return home.

We have some very good news about the intertribal powwow that you so willingly supported us in last September. We share in the honor of a request by the Smithsonian Institute to display the intertribal Pow-Wow artifacts as tribute to Native Americans serving in the military in Iraq. During the powwow, our combat cameraman suggested that we send the artifacts to the Native American Museum in Washington D.C. A participant and organizer of the Pow-Wow took the idea and contacted the Institute. At this time, the Smithsonian is working with us on sending the artifacts back to the United States and we are working on a date to unveil the display.

I had originally thought the unit would keep the other set of tribal flags at the Battalion Headquarters. However, with the recognition of the Museum, I feel it is only appropriate that these flags be apart of the display. We will continue to keep you informed of any plans or dates that are set to display to artifacts of the powwow at the Smithsonian.

Again, please accept my deepest expression of gratitude for your enduring support of the 120th Engineer Battalion throughout our deployment. Thank you.

William Bartheld, LTC, EN Commanding

Loved one voices concern

Editor:

I am writing this letter of my concerns of how fami-

lies are treated when they are trying to bury their loved ones by other persons with their own agenda. The death of a loved one is very traumatic and you're just going through the motions, saying "good-bye" to the physical body is very difficult. The grief is overwhelming, your mind is thinking of a million memories of them of every aspect of your life together. It is here that "People of God" and others try to bully you into doing the service their way, and if the families allow that, more often than not, they leave the funeral service upset with what was said about their loved ones. Families leave with negative memories instead of positive loving memories of how their loved ones are remembered.

I only offer this advice out of love and respect: For those who are asked to conduct the service, please honor the family and their wishes as to how they would like their loved one to be remembered. After all, it is their final tribute to their loved ones on this earth, and it is them so are left with paying the funeral bill, and other expenses. It is them who are going to remember every detail of their loved ones life, including how they were put to rest. To say, "If I knew how you were wanting to do the service, we wouldn't have allow the body here," is utterly disrespectful and shows no compassion or comfort for the family. If these persons were truly Christian, they should know — No One Owns a house of God, that God created everything on this earth, and he makes no mistakes.

For the families who are going through this or will in the future: state your wishes and stand your ground. Do not let any persons bully you to their agenda and if you have to write the service yourself as to what you want people to remember about your loved one and their life on this earth, then by all means write it. It hurts me to see this happening all over Creek Nation and I can only pray and hope that this practice of bullying families during funerals stops. Families should be left with good memories from birth to final rest at this time, not memories of how other people wanted to do the service their way in front of an audience, there is a time and a place for that, but not at the expense of a loved ones funeral. It is the families last time on earth with their loved ones, though they will see them again in another life, it is only respectful to honor and

comfort the family during this time as much as possible.

I've acknowledged Second Chief Alfred Berryhill before and I will do it again, Thank You! You are truly a man of God, and you turned a negative experience my family encountered into a loving, positive tribute to our parents. Because of you, we left with good memories that will be cherished forever. May God Bless You in all of your endeavors, whether it be personal or for our Nation. Thank You!

Sincerely,

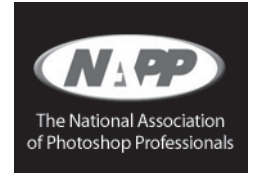
Eugene and Rose Kelly Family



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Second opinion

by Second Chief Alfred Berryhill

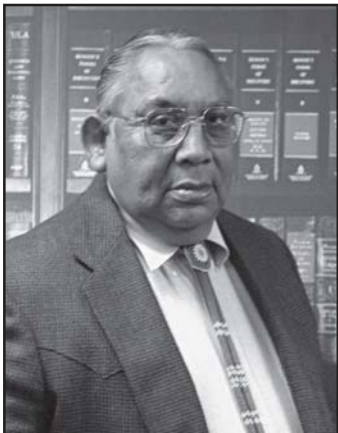
I share the loss of two of our beloved men who served the Creek Nation with dignity: **Mr. Ken Childers** and **Mr. Jess Kelly**. Our prayers continue to be with the family. I also attended three other funerals and my prayers are with their families as well.

This is the season of Lent and Easter will soon be upon us. Let's not forget the true meaning of Easter: the life and death of our Savior Jesus Christ. The world has been truly blessed. I know that there will be many Easter egg hunts as well.

Not only is it Easter season, but it's also wild onion season and there are many vendors at this time of year. It's a good time to fellowship with our brothers and sisters of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. I hope that we as diabetics don't over do it.

Now the continuation of the last issue's story: "There they encountered the Alibamons, whom they had pursued for a long time. They made preparations for the combat. The Tastanegy, or great war chief, arranged the march in the following order: The family of the Wind, from which he had been chosen, crossed the river in the first line; it was followed by the family of the Bear, and then by that of the Tiger [Panther] and so on. When this river was crossed, as the entire Nation was on the march, it was necessary to take measures to avoid a surprise on the part of the enemy; and, in case of an encounter with the enemy, to protect all those who were unable to fight. For this purpose, the young people, with their war chiefs, formed the van; the old men the rear guard; those of an age less advanced were on the flanks; the women and the children in the center. They marched in this order until the moment when they encountered the enemy. Then the young men advanced alone with their Tastanegy at their head, and left the main body of the nation in a place of safety, and under the protection of the old men. By a stealthy and well planned march they surprised their enemy, and reached the caves which the Alibamons inhabited, before the latter were warned; and, not allowing them time to rally, they made a great slaughter. The fright into which such a surprise threw the foe caused them to abandon their dwellings; they fled along the Missouri, and rallied on the banks of this river, while the Moskoquis were gone to rejoin their countrymen, in order to march again on the trail of the enemy. The Alibamons, fearing a new surprise, had made their old men, women,

and children march in advance, the young warriors forming the rear-guard; then they continued for some time to descend this river on its right bank. The Moskoquis, following their trail, caught up with them, and defeated them many times. The Alibamons, seeing they were thus pursued, had made the body of their nation pass over to the left bank of the Missouri, and had given them time to get some distance in advance, by delaying the march of the enemy by various skirmishes. But, fearing that they would be unable to resist their attacks, they took advantage of the darkness one night to rejoin their fathers, the Moskoquis not observing them. The latter not finding any enemy when day came and suspecting the course they had taken, crossed the river in order to pursue them again. After a march of some days they again encountered them, and forced them to accept a general battle in which the Alibamons were defeated and fled to the banks of the Mississippi. The Moskoquis, pursuing them with fury, forced them to throw themselves into the river, where a very great number perished. The young Moskoqui warriors, having thus weakened their enemy considerably, cease to pursue them until they had been rejoined by the body of the nation, which followed by short stages. They remained eight days on the bank of this river in order to rest."



"During all this time the Alibamons had marched rapidly and gotten far in advance. The Moskoquis, trying to catch them, buried themselves in an immense forest which is on the left bank of the Mississippi; they camped, but, as there appeared to be no advantage in establishing themselves there, the old men decided to continue the march, and, for this purpose, to send the young warriors in pursuit of the enemy. They advanced again; and, after a march of some days, they came to the river Ohio, which the French call Belle-Riviere. They went up along the banks near the Wabash; and, perceiving that the Alibamons had crossed the Ohio, they also crossed it. When they were on the other side,

finding a region with a very beautiful climate, and very rich in all kinds of game, they determined to establish themselves there, and fixed their dwelling in what is known as the Yazau country. As the season was much advanced, they ceased their pursuit, and contended themselves with sending some young warriors to try to discover the route which the Alibamons had taken. The Moskoquis, profiting by some caves which they found and some which they made, took possession of the Yazau lands, where they passed many years, and where the caves which they excavated exist to this day."

"The Alibamons had advanced as far as the banks of the river Coussa; not seeing themselves pursued, and finding themselves in a fertile country, they stopped there; but as they were always in fear of some surprise they sent youths to find out what had become of the Moskoquis and whether they were still pursuing them. Although the war which the Moskoquis waged at this time on the Alibamons had originated in an aggression on the part of the latter, who had killed Moskoqui warriors, the youths who had been sent to discover the Moskoqui had the imprudence to kill the first whom they met. The old men, having been informed of this new aggression, had them march against the Alibamons. The Moskoqui warriors, having learned that the country which their enemy inhabited was toward the rising sun, in a region where the rigors of winter are little felt, and where a great quantity of game of all kinds is to be found, resolved to pursue them a third time, and to populate that country, which is between the Floridas. With this object in view they crossed the river Cumberland and the Tennessee, and followed from the north the river Coussa, on the banks of which the remains of the Alibamons had established themselves. The latter, having learned of the march of the Moskoquis, did not think it well to await them, they abandoned their position and scattered. Some went to seek an asylum among the Tehactas, and the rest repaired to Mobile, under the protection of the French, who had then just taken possession."

"The Moskoquis, no longer finding enemies to fight, took peaceful possession of the country which they had just conquered. They established themselves on the rivers Coosa, Tallapoosa, Chattahoochee, Flint, Ocmulgee, little and great Oconee and Ogechee, and pushed their settlements as far as the river Savannah in Georgia, where the city of Augusta is now built." TO BE CONTINUED

NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY SERIES
WAR CLUBS

BY: PATRICK MOORE

Ancient North American Native Americans used many different types of weapons when conducting warfare and performing ceremonies.

One such weapon, the war club, was used through out both the north and south American continents. The war club was often made using chert, jasper or flint. These stones were grooved for the attachment of a wooden handle that made a very efficient weapon when the owner en-

gaged in the hand to hand combat. A war club was the weapon of choice by Pre-Columbian Native American soldiers.

These early Native American soldiers did not believe there was a higher honor than to physically touch the enemy while on the field of battle, they even carried a coup stick for use in very close quarters to touch the opponent.

Early stone clubs were carved or chipped into magnificent works of art. Stone war clubs have been discovered buried in ancient mounds located in the southeastern United States. Some were carved out of one piece of green

stone a foot or more in length with the club and handle being of monolithic construction. These stone clubs were owner decorated with intricate engravings. Stone clubs were carved with a handle knob for attachment of a leather or woven wrist cord. Anthropologists believe many of these clubs also served as ceremonial objects.

The most common Pre-Columbian war club had a stone head attached to a wooden handle and this weapon was used extensively through out North America by pre-historic hunter warriors.

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Muscogee National Council overview

OKMULGEE — The following consists of actions of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council conducted at the January 25, emergency session.

January 25, Emergency session

Absent were: **Duke Harjo**, Creek District; **Thomas McIntosh**, McIntosh District; **David Nichols**, Okmulgee District; **Robert Hufft**, Tulsa District; **Jesse Kelley**, Tulsa District;

Speaker **Thomas Yahola**, Tukvptce District, conducted the meeting and did not vote.

representative **Ade** was out of seat at time of casting of vote;

- approved (19-0-0) TR 05-024, authorizing designated attorney’s to file suit on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation against the state of Oklahoma in reference to the tobacco compact;

representative **Ade** was out of seat at time of casting of vote;

- approved (19-0-0) NCA 05-019, authorizing a supplemental appropriation to the Office of the Tax Commission for the remainder of fiscal year 2005;

January 29, Quarterly session

Absent were: **Tom Pickering**, McIntosh District; Speaker **Thomas Yahola**, Tukvptce District, conducted the meeting and did not vote.

Veto Message:

- veto (25-0-0) TR 04-131, authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a contract for the purchase of land in McIntosh County, Oklahoma for the purpose of constructing a health facility/senior assistant living center;

In order of business the Council:

- failed (12-13-0) TR 05-002, authorizing the Principal Chief to negotiate for a tribal gaming compact between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the State of Oklahoma for Class III games;

voting no were: **Harjo**, Creek; **Barnett**, Creek; **Pickering**, McIntosh; **Parish**, Muskogee; **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Golden**, Okfuskee; **Jones**, Okmulgee; **K. Johnson**, Okmulgee; **Chalakee**, Okmulgee; **Williams**, Okmulgee; **Ade**, Tukvptce; **Fields**, Tukvptce; and **Cleghorn**, Tulsa;

- approved as amended (20-5-0) TR 05-003, authorizing the Principal Chief to negotiate and execute a contract to purchase real property in Okfuskee County in Weleetka, Oklahoma on State Highway 75 to be used for economic development for the Weleetka Indian Community;

voting no were: **Notaro**, McIntosh; **S. Johnson**, Muskogee; **K. Johnson**, Okmulgee; **Nichols**, Okmulgee; **Gillespie**, Wagoner;

- approved (25-0-0) TR 05-004, authorizing the Principal Chief to accept a deed for a tract of land in McIntosh County, Oklahoma for use by the Eufaula Indian Community;

representative **Nichols** was out of seat at time of casting of vote;

- approved (22-2-0) TR 05-006, authorizing the execution of a quality assurance representative agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and **Jerry O. Lawson**;

voting no were: **Fields**, Tukvptce; **Cleghorn**, Tulsa;

representative **Nichols** was out of seat at time of casting of vote;

- approved (24-0-0) TR 05-007, authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a memorandum of agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the Housing Authority of Creek Nation of Oklahoma, Inc.

representative **Nichols** was out of seat at time of casting of vote;

- approved (24-0-0) TR 05-008, approving the policy and procedures for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Housing Division elderly housing program;

representatives **Nichols** was out of seat at time of casting of vote, and representative **Kelley** was excused;

- approved (21-2-0) TR 05-009, authorizing the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Business Enterprise Board to execute an attorney agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, a business enterprise board and **Steve Pazzo**;

voting no were: **Harjo**, Creek; and **Wind**, Okfuskee;

representative **Tiger** was excused;

- approved (23-0-0) TR 05-010, confirming the nomination of **Janne F. Deere** to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizenship Board;

- approved (23-0-0) TR 05-011, authorizing the Principal Chief to accept a deed for a tract of land in McIntosh County, Oklahoma for use by the Checotah Indian Community;

- approved (23-0-0) TR 05-012, confirming the nomination of **Blue Clark** to serve on the Oklahoma Tribal University Board of Regents;

- approved (23-0-0) TR 04-014, confirming the nomination of **Robert E. Lagrone, Jr.** to serve on the Tribal Trade & Commerce Authority Board of trustees;

- approved (23-0-0) TR 05-015, approving a memorandum of understanding with Arnold Air Force Base, Tennessee, for the preservation and repatriation of human remains and artifacts that may be found at Arnold Air Force Base;

- approved (23-0-0) TR 05-016, authorizing the Koweta Indian Community the use of the Great Seal of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation;

- approved to postpone (23-0-0) TR 05-017, authorizing the Principal Chief to prepare and submit an application for a pre-disaster mitigation grant – competitive to develop a hazard mitigation plan for the Muscogee Nation and approve an agreement with Brake & Associates for development of a Hazard mitigation plan;

- approved (23-0-0) TR 05-018, recognizing the Muscogee (Creek) Nation “For Love of the Game” board plan;

- approved (13-10-0) TR 05-019, confirming the nomination of **Shane T. Berry** to serve on the gaming operations authority board;

voting no were: **Pickering**, McIntosh; **Notaro**, McIntosh; **S. Johnson**, Muskogee; **Jones**, Okmulgee; **K. Johnson**, Okmulgee; **Nichols**, Okmulgee; **Bible**, Tulsa; **Quiett**, Tulsa; **Hufft**, Tulsa; and **Gillespie**, Wagoner;

- approved (23-0-0) TR 05-020, confirming the nomination of **Monty L. Bunny** to serve on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizenship board;

- approved (12-11-0) TR 05-021, confirming the re-nomination of **Corky D. McAdams** to serve on the Tribal Trade & Commerce Authority board of trustees;

voting no were: **S. Johnson**, Muskogee; **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Wind**, Okfuskee; **Chalakee**, Okmulgee; **Nichols**, Okmulgee; **Ade**, Tukvptce; **Fields**, Tukvptce; **Quiett**, Tulsa; **Cleghorn**, Tulsa; **Hufft**, Tulsa; and **Gillespie**, Wagoner;

- approved (23-0-0) TR 05-022, confirming the nomination of **Nelson C. Johnson** to serve as gaming commissioner;

- approved to postpone (22-1-0) NCA 05-001, appropriating funds necessary to enter into a tribal gaming compact between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the State of Oklahoma for Class III Games;

voting no was: **Pickering**, McIntosh;

- approved (23-0-0) NCA 04-002, repealing NCA 92-27 which authorizes the Principal Chief to request that the Eufaula Indian Community property be put in trust;

- approved (23-0-0) NCA 05-003, appropriating funds for the incidental costs associated with accepting a deed for a tract of property in McIntosh County, Oklahoma for use by the Eufaula Indian Community;

- approved (17-6-0) NCA 05-006, amending MCNCA Title 37, Chapter three entitled “Employees”; voting no were: **Parish**, Muskogee; **S. Johnson**, Muskogee; **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Golden**, Okfuskee; **Chalakee**, Okmulgee; and **Gillespie**, Wagoner;

- approved (23-0-0) NCA 05-008, authorizing a supplemental appropriation to the Higher Education, post graduate program;

- approved (23-0-0) NCA 05-009, authorizing a special appropriation to the Twin Hills Indian Community for an addition of a canopy at the building entrance and drainage gutters for drainage away from the building;

- approved (23-0-0) NCA 05-010, amending MCNCA Title 17, § 6-113.B. to allow Muscogee (Creek) Nation District court to have jurisdiction over contract disputes involving the Muscogee Nation Business Enterprise;

Births

Kiya Benjamin Haney-Powell

TAHLEQUAH — Kiya Benjamin Haney-Powell was born on December 9 at W.W. Hastings Hospital to Jamie Haney and Cameron Powell.

He weighed 5 lbs. and 3.2 ounces and was 17 1/2 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Willie Sr. and Ellen (Kathy) Haney of Morris. Paternal grandparents are Jerry and Karen Powell of Henryetta.



Haney-Powell

Jasmine Andreah Hammonds

COLUMBUS, GA. — Jasmine Andreah Hammonds was born at the Medical Center on October 6th to Sonja Randall and Lionel Hammonds of Columbus, Georgia.

Jasmine weighed 3 lbs and 8.6 oz and was 14 1/2 inches long.

Maternal Grandparents are Willie Charlie Randall of Okmulgee and Mary Randall of Oklahoma City. Paternal Grandparents are: Orenza London and W.C. Hammonds Jr., both of Columbus, Georgia. Paternal great-great grandmother is Sadie Hammonds of Columbus, Georgia.



Hammonds

Birthdays

Mitchell celebrates 3rd Birthday

HENRYETTA — Asa James Mitchell celebrated his 3rd birthday on February 19 with lots of friends and family. He had a "Cowboy" theme.

His parents are Dennis Jr. and Shannon Mitchell of Henryetta. Paternal grandparents are Reverend Marvin Lowe and Sharon Lowe of Weleetka. Paternal great grandparents are Pauline Morgan and the Late Dan Morgan of Okmulgee. Maternal great, grandparents are Rosana Whitlow of Dustin and the late Reverend John Lowe and the late Minnie Lowe of Weleetka.



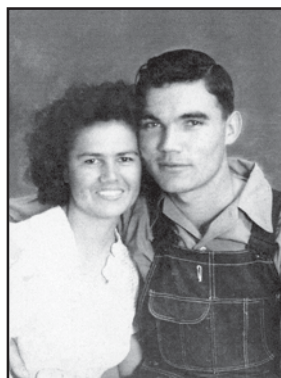
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Anniversary

60th Wedding Anniversary

PADEN — Adabell (Eastep) Lee (descendant of original Choctaw enrollee Daniel Gardiner) and Gene T. Lee (descendant of original Muscogee Creek Wallace Doyle) were married in Okemah on April 14, 1945.

Adabell and Gene made their home in Paden. Gene is retired from the Department of Corrections and is still doing carpentry work. Adabell is a non-retired homemaker. They have 14 children (three deceased), 23 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren.



Lee

Society

Alexander receives letter of appreciation

CASTLE — Navy Fireman Robert L. Alexander, son of Nancy L. and George H. Alexander, recently received a Letter of Appreciation from the Secretary of the Navy, for assisting in Tsunami relief efforts during Operation Unified Assistance in Southeast Asia, while assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard, homeported in San Diego. "Your fellow Americans are proud of you and what you accomplished," said Gordon R. England, Secretary Navy. "You showed the world American compassion and mercy. At sea, ashore and in the air, you brought honor to yourselves and to our nation."

Alexander, along with thousands of other U.S. Sailors and Marines, supported more than 6,000 flight hours, helping to deliver more than 20 million pounds of medicine, food and water. The supplies helped save thousands more. USS Bonhomme Richard's primary mission is to embark, deploy and land elements on a marine landing force by helicopter, landing craft air cushion or amphibious assault vehicle.

Alexander is a 2003 graduate of Mason High School, and joined the Navy in October 2003.

Hendrix employed with police department

RATTAN — Chief Hendrix started her law enforcement career with help from Choctaw Nation in getting her G.E.D. and then she started working for Lamar County Sheriff's department at Paris, Texas. She was a Jailer, Dispatcher and Detention Officer. She then completed and had training and has certificate's in the following: basic jail operations; Suicide Prevention; Aerosol Subject Restraint (pepper spray); Oklahoma Self-defense Act (weapons); Unarmed security; Armed

security (firearms semiautomatic); report writing and court room testimony; terrorism/weapons of mass destruction; latent fingerprint development; domestic violence and sexual assault; O.S.B.I. rapid response to active shooters; building searches; mental health; and rehab.

On December 17, 2003 she completed and graduated with high honors from the law enforcement academy (C.L.E.E.T.) at Broken Arrow. She has also completed accident prevention course, arson investigation, Doppler traffic radar, enforcing underage drinking laws and public laws, collection/preservation of evidence, and is a member of good standing with the Oklahoma Chief of Police Association and the Oklahoma Police Chiefs Training Foundation.

Victoria is now Chief of Police at Rattan Oklahoma. She resides there with her three daughters, Sarah, Tyler, and Jonna, and has a special friend Clay.

Chief Hendrix is Creek and Seminole and is of the Beaver Clan. Her father is Eddie B. Leader, he is a job specialist for the disabled at Okmulgee and he resides in Henryetta with his son, Bryan Keith Leader.

Her mother is Rev. Vickie Carrell and stepfather Rev. James Carrell. They pastor the Pleasant Hill Community Church in southeastern Oklahoma. Her grandfather is Barney Junior Leader, he was Mekko of New Tulsa ceremonial ground and also a medicine man there.



Hendrix

Citizen featured artist at photography exhibit

OKLAHOMA CITY — Muscogee (Creek) photographer, Kimberly Rodriguez, is a featured artist's in the *Back to Basics Photography* exhibit at City Arts Center in Oklahoma City on April 28 through May 31.

Thirty three year old Rodriguez, from the Bear Clan, is the granddaughter of Alma Bruce (Martin) Brown originally from Stidham, Oklahoma and the daughter of Anita (Brown) Rodriguez of Dallas, Texas.

Rodriguez, who is Muscogee (Creek), Oglala Sioux and Hispanic descent, was born and raised in Dallas, and graduated from the University of North Texas with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Photography. Rodriguez has been the Merchandise Coordinator for Wright Studios in Dallas, for the past 4 years, works as a free-lance photographer and is pursuing further education to refine her skills in photo retouching. Her work has recently been featured at 1308 Experimental Arts Space in Dallas. The *Back to Basics Photography* exhibit showcases the variety of styles and techniques within the medium of alternative photography.

Eufaula Dormitory Updates

EUFAULA — The Eufaula Dormitory has been very active in many sporting activities this spring. The first and second grade boys played in a tournament in Muskogee but came up short by a score of 16-2. The players were: Alex and Eli Yargee, Ethan Waquie, Thomas Alexander, Jack Eslick, Samantha Tiger, Maresa Franklin, Adam McGirt and Cody Armstrong. The team was coached by Joe McGirt and Gayla Norman.

The third and fourth grade girls also played in the tournament. The team played hard, but lost 16-10. The players were: Samantha Cooper, Cherokee Moore, Teresa Dominick, Angelica Butler, Kadijah Baker, Shakotta Sewell, Haley Waquie and Ashley Sexton. They were coached by Gayla Norman and Lori Bevenue.

Turning to high school athletics, the boys participated in the Area Tournament held at Ada against Broken Bow. Representing the Eufaula Dormitory were Matt Williams, a Junior, from Eufaula and Ronnie Roy, a Senior, from Oklahoma City.

Sports is not all the students focus on. The cultural aspect is important as well. The dormitory students are planning on attending a powwow held at Jones Academy in Hartshorne. The students are excited about attending this annual event.

Last, but not least, High School students, Dereck Pickens from Oklahoma City and Tuli Crook from Tulsa, were selected to participate in a forum to discuss the needs of adolescents in the Creek Nation. The meeting was held at the Complex and the students expressed great interest in seeing how decisions are made that effect services to the youth and Creek Nation of Oklahoma.

Bacone College to host College Day

MUSKOGEE — On March 23, Bacone College will host College Day. The event will officially kick off the Second All-Indian March Madness Basketball Tournament held in Dewar.

The following list is the tentative agenda: 9 a.m., registration for all events; 11:30 a.m., lunch break; 12:30 p.m., report to gymnasium; 1 p.m., College Day Workshops and 4:45 p.m., return to gymnasium for closing.

The workshops include: admissions and financial aid with Jerret Phillips; essays and scholarships with Jason Murry (Choctaw/Chickasaw), English Professor; Jerrod Adair, Native American Recruiter (Wichita, Pawnee and Cherokee); Cedric Sunray (Cherokee Mowa and Choctaw), Native American Club Coordinator; FAFSA (Pell Grant, OTAG and SEOG); Reba Morton (Choctaw), Financial Aid Officer; Museum and Tours with John Timothy (Muscogee Creek), Director of Ataloa Lodge; Floyd Jones (Muscogee Creek), Director of Residential Housing; and the current Director of Student Services.

The workshops are scheduled for the afternoon

Haskell Indian Nations University to host spring recruiting day

LAWRENCE, Kan. — The Haskell Indian Nations University athletic department is hosting the school's Spring 2005 Recruiting Day on April 15 on campus. Prospective Native American student-athletes and parents will have the opportunity to meet with head coaches from the women's volleyball, men's and women's basketball, football, golf, softball, men's and women's cross country/track and cheerleading programs.

Parents and students can take a tour of the campus and hear information concerning admissions, financial aid, housing and eligibility.

"This event is open to all Native American athletes who are interested in playing sports on the collegiate level or current college athletes looking at other opportunities" said Dwight M. Pickering, the University's Athletic Director. "All head coaches will be available for questions and we welcome everyone to come and find out more information about our university and its athletic programs."

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Haskell Indian University is a four-year, tuition-free, Native American-only school offering baccalaureate degrees in Elementary Education, Business Administration, American Indian Studies and Environmental Science. The average enrollment is about 900 students. Haskell is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and competes in the Central States Football League (CSFL) for football and the Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference (MCAC) for all other sports.

To register or download the 2005 Athletic Recruiting Day form please visit; <http://www.haskell.edu/athletics/recruitingday.asp> and fax to (785) 832-6632 or mail it back to the Haskell Athletic Department, 155 Indian Avenue, Lawrence, KS 66046.

For more information, contact Dwight M. Pickering, Athletic Director, at (785) 749-8459.



to reach the maximum number of students. Bacone will be utilizing the Bacone Athletic Coaching Staff to assist and interact with students.

If you aren't participating in the March Madness Tournament, but would still like to come to College Day, please contact Lucas Taylor, Tournament Coordinator, at (918) 732-7634 to reserve a seat as seating is limited.

Bacone offering Native American scholarships

MUSKOGEE — Bacone College is offering scholarships for the following Native American Clubs: Indian Art Club, all mediums of Indian art (i.e. painting, beadwork, woodcarving, etc.); Indian Cultural Club dancers (traditional and contemporary), traditional storytellers, drum groups, stomp dancers, etc.; Indian Stickball Club, experienced and inexperienced participants; social stickball and competitive stickball; and Indian Language Club.

The basic requirement for the clubs is that all club members must be enrolled citizens of Indian Nations. No experience is required in your choice of club involvement. Bacone will be doing as much learning as teaching. Each club has a mandatory one hour meeting each week and each club has a mandatory one hour meeting every two weeks with NASA (Native American Students Association). Club members must participate in various community service projects and traveling dates. Failure to participate will result in the loss of the scholarship.

Qualified students will receive a scholarship in the amount of 35% of school tuition. During the 2004-2005 school year this equates to \$2,847.95 towards a

tuition cost of \$8,137.

Scholarships are not based on ability, but rather willingness to participate and practice Native American culture. Most scholarships cannot be added to others, with the exception to all tribal scholarships and private scholarships. They can be added to any other scholarship. (Indian Club and Native Learning Work Community are considered institutional scholarships; Tribal scholarships are those given by student's tribes and outside tribal organizations and scholarship funds.)

"To my knowledge, we will definitely be the first school in the country that will be giving scholarships to students for these type of programs," said Cedric Sunray, Coordinator of Native American Clubs.

To apply for these Native American scholarships, contact Cedric Sunray at (918) 781-7312.

Muscogee Creek Nation Scholarship Pageant

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee Creek Nation Scholarship Pageant will be held at 7 p.m. on June 3rd for the Miss and Jr. Miss Competitions. The Sr. Miss and Little Misses Pageant will be held at 10 a.m. on June 4th. Both pageants will be held at Covelle Hall on the OSU-Campus.

Applications are available by calling KoKo Lowe at (918) 732-7665.



Muscogee Creek Nation Division of Health Administration

Diabetes Prevention Move It Program

OKEMAH — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Move It has been very active in schools on the McIntosh and Okfuskee County.

The schools involved are Ryal, Stidham, Dustin, Hanna, Weleetka, Mason, Graham, and Bearden. The schools are receiving diabetes education in the regular classroom and in the Physical Education classroom. The students and teachers have been winning prizes each month for the daily exercise programs.

The Diabetes Prevention Program staff is working with the Physical Education teachers at each school by training the staff and buying equipment for the school.

The McIntosh County schools is currently in the second year of the Move It Program and the Okfuskee County schools are in the first year of the program.



Community Health Representatives in your communities

OKMULGEE — The Community Health Representatives CHR's of the Muscogee Creek Nation have been very active in the communities. The CHR Program held a Health Fair at Kialegee Tribal Town in October. Screenings, along with other activities for the children in the surrounding communities, was held during the fair. The highlight of the fair was a hay ride for both children and adults.

In January, the CHR Program participated in a Career Day at the OSU-Okmulgee, sponsored by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation JOM Program. The participants consisted of seventh and eighth graders from within the Creek Nation boundary area. CHR staff members Gayle Yargee and Jensie Jimboy from the CHR office were in attendance at the career day.

In February CHR's hosted a Health Fair held at Checotah Indian Community Center. CHR Tommy Lowe coordinated the Health Fair. Others CHR's involved with the fair were: CHR's Mary Whitetree, Georgia Cook, Christine Roberts and office personnel

MCN Tobacco Prevention Program offer cessation classes

OKMULGEE—The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tobacco Prevention Program offers stop smoking classes based on the second wind curriculum.

The Second Wind Program is designed specifically to help American Indians/Alaskan Natives to stop smoking and remain smoke free. It provides basic information about smoking, practical counseling, problem solving skills and social support.

Evidence from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services guidelines demonstrated that the more intense and longer lasting the intervention the more likely the patient is to stay smoke free.

The Second Wind program consists of six one hour group sessions. The sessions are every two weeks for a total of three months. Patients must have a chart at one of the MCN Health Care Facilities, have seen a physician within the last 12 months, and be ready to quit smoking.

“At the Okmulgee Indian Health Center, they are currently holding a set of evening classes to accommodate those patients who work or who just cannot come during the day. Patients learn many things during the classes including methods of quitting, stages of change behavior model, stress management, commu-

nications skills, traditional uses of tobacco and cessation tricks and techniques from each other.

Cessation rates vary widely from one class to another but the average is around 25-30%. Sometimes patients have to try several times before they finally quit for good. There is usually a ripple effect during each smoking cessation class held.

“For every patient that attends class, there is almost always a family member or friend who also decides to quit smoking,” said Jana Ross, cessation facilitator for the Okmulgee Indian Health Center. “Smoking cessation classes have a positive impact on communities, although this impact may be hard to measure.”

To join the class you will need to ask your doctor to refer you. For more information contact the nearest cessation facilitator. Below is a list of the facilities that we provide cessation classes and the facilitators.

The health center facilities that provide cessation classes and the facilitators are: Eufaula, Melody Thurman at (918) 689-2457; Okemah, James Schmidtkofer at (800) 218-9458; Okmulgee, Jana Ross at (918) 758-1926; and Sapulpa, Jennifer Bishop at (918) 224-9310.

Gayle Yargee, Cyndi Gilks and Woody Hansen of the Cherokee Nation. Hansen is the OOACHR President.

The participants consisted of Home Health agencies that explained to the visitors what health needs are offered. The CHR also conducted health screenings.

Also in February, CHR Manager, Cindi Gilks and CHR's Mary Gibson, Georgia Cook and Scott Harjo attended the First Responder Training at Tahlequah.

Upcoming events that the CHR's will be attending or hosting is: Violence School Prevention at Checotah Headstart hosted by CHR Tommy Lowe,; Wilson Health Fair, hosted by Scott Harjo; the JOM- Conference; SWAT; and the Creek Nation Challenge Bowl. Health Screenings will be offered at each event. All attendees are encouraged to come by the CHR booth and receive a free health screening.

For more information, contact the CHR Program at (918) 756-1941.

March is Muscogee Nation Nutrition Month

OKMULGEE — March is Muscogee Nation Nutrition Month. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation WIC Program encourages everyone to:

•Be adventurous and expand your horizons. Variety is the “spice of life” in your food choices and is key to good nutrition and health. Choose foods based on flavor, texture and colors that are tasty and healthy. Explore the wide world of nutrition by trying a variety of foods.

•Treat your taste buds. You decide how much and how often. Choose foods sensibly by looking at the big picture; it's what you eat over several days, not just one meal or day that counts. So enjoy all your favorite foods, just try eating them in moderate amounts.

•Balance food choices with your life-style. Choosing the right balance of foods helps you get the right combination of nutrients.

•Be active. Be creative and enjoy a variety of ways to stay active to feel your best. There's no need for expensive equipment or complicated fitness programs. Start by making a list of physical activities that fit into your lifestyle and schedule one every day.

For more information, contact the Muscogee (Creek) Nation WIC Program at 1 (800) 648-2302.

MCN Tobacco Prevention set camp date

WELLING — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tobacco Prevention Program (TPP) have set the date for the 5th annual Camp Cvfeeknetv. The camp will be held July at the Heart O' Hills camp grounds.

Camp Cvfeeknetv registration will begin April 11, 2005. TPP will be taking names over the phone and mailing out the registration packets. The forms must be signed and turned back in by June 30, 2005.

Space is limited to the first 100 youth. For more information or to register, contact TPP at (918) 756-6231.

What is the National Indian Gaming Commission

The National Indian Gaming Commission is an independent federal regulatory agency of the United States. The National Indian Gaming Commission (Commission) was established pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (Act).

The Commission is comprised of a Chairman and two Commissioners, each of whom serves on a full-time basis for a three-year term. The Chairman is appointed by the President and must be confirmed by the Senate. The Secretary of the Interior appoints the other two Commissioners. Under the Act, at least two of the three Commissioners must be enrolled members of a federally recognized Indian tribe, and no more than two members may be of the same political party.

The Commission maintains its headquarters in Washington, D.C., with five Regional Offices, located

in the following locations: Portland, Oregon; Sacramento, California; Phoenix, Arizona; St. Paul, Minnesota; and Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The present Chairman of the Commission is Mr. Phillip N. Hogen, Oglala Sioux from Pine Ridge Reservation out of South Dakota. The two commissioners are Cloyce V. Choney, Comanche, and Nelson W. Westerlin.

The Commission's primary mission is to regulate gaming activities on Indian lands for the purpose of shielding Indian tribes from organized crime and other corrupting influences; to ensure that Indian tribes are the primary beneficiaries of gaming revenue; and to assure that gaming is conducted fairly and honestly by both operators and players.

To achieve these goals, the Commission is autho-

rized to conduct investigations; undertake enforcement actions, including the issuance of notices of violation assessment of civil fines, and/or issuance of closure orders; conduct background investigations; conduct audits; and review and approve Tribal gaming ordinances. (National Indian Gaming Commission)

The regional office for this area is located in Tulsa, OK. It serves the gaming tribes of Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. The present office personnel is: Tim Harper - Region Chief; Marcie Pate - Field Investigator; Jeanette Ross - Field Investigator; and Rod West - Auditor.

For more information or to get in contact with the regional office, write to: 224 South Boulder, Room 301, Tulsa, OK 74103; or by phone at (918) 581-7924 and the fax number is (918) 581-7933.

UPDATE: State Question 712 - Tribal Status

In the last two month's issue of the *Muscogee Nation News*, State Question 712 *pros* and *cons* were examined. As requested by readers, here is the most up-to-date listing for tribes who have already entered into the Gaming Compact and their present status.

Authorized for expanded gaming: Absentee Shawnee Tribe, Cherokee Nation, Chickasaw Nation, Choctaw Nation, Citizen Potawotami Nation, Comanche Nation, Eastern Shawnee Tribe, Miami Tribe and Quapaw Tribe.

Approved but awaiting publication in register: Osage Nation

Awaiting approval: Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes, Delaware Nation, Fort Sill Apache Tribe, Kaw Nation, Kickapoo Tribe, Peoria Tribe, Seneca-Cayuga Tribes, Tonkawa Tribe

The listing has been provided as a request and was furnished by *The Oklahoman*.

National Indian Gaming Association 2005

Trade Show & Convention

April 10 - 13, 2005

San Diego Convention Center

San Diego, CA

Registration Fees:

Platinum - \$450

Membership Meeting, Tradeshow & Workshops

Gold - \$400

Trade Show & Workshops

Silver - \$250

Trade Show Only

Banquet - \$75

Wednesday, April 13

For more information contact Diane Wyss at 202-548-3812 or DWYSS@INDIANGAMING.ORG.

Creek Nation Casino - Tulsa: March Promotions

Get Away With a Year's Pay Grand Prize Drawing March 27

We have the easiest way for you to instantly DOUBLE your salary with our Get Away with a Year's Pay promotion! Mark your calendar and come out to Creek Nation Casino every Sunday now through March 20 for our weekly Month's Pay drawings. On March 27, we will give away our grand prize of an entire Year's AND a brand new 2005 Ford Expedition. There are many different ways to qualify Sunday through Thursday; ask the Players Club how you can further your chances to win!

Spring Fling Chrysler Sebring Mondays, March 7th through May 23, 6pm to 10pm

Spring is fast approaching! Just in time for warm weather driving, Creek Nation Casino's new Ladies Night gives you the chance to drive away in American's trendiest convertible. Back by popular demand, we are continuing with the drawings for fifteen seconds in the money machine. Make sure you grab as much of the flying money as you can, because the two players who come out with the most cash each Monday will get a key that could start up a 2005 Chrysler Sebring convertible on May 23!

Tropical Two for Tuesdays Tuesdays, 10am - 2pm

Seniors, Tropical Tuesdays are twice as nice with our Two for Tuesdays specials we are offering just to you! The first two seniors (50 or older) who win a jackpot on selected machines will receive double the payout. Lunch is on us with our "Buy One Combo, Get 2nd Combo Free" specials in our food court. Don't forget our hourly cash drawings. One lucky senior each Tuesday will get to choose between \$500 in cash and a chance to spin our wheel of cash and fabulous prizes!

Boatloads of Bucks Wednesdays, March 9 through June 1, 6pm to 10pm

Men, excitement is truly in the air! The ladies are going wild over the money machine drawings, and now you have the opportunity to take on the whirlwind of flying money! Come out to Creek Nation Casino on Wednesday nights to win your shot at fifteen seconds in the money machine. The two players collecting the most cash each Wednesday will receive a key, and on June 1, one lucky winner will float out of here on a 2005 Boat!

Thirsty Thursdays Thursdays through May 5, 6pm to 10pm

Join us Thursday evenings from 6pm - 10pm as KHITS 106.9 FM, Pepsi and Creek Nation Casino present Thirsty Thursdays. Imagine living it up in Vegas, sitting in front of a new Flat Screen TV or a wallet full of cash! It can happen, but only if you join us for Thirsty Thursdays. Pepsi will provide the beverages, KHITS will provide the tunes and Creek Nation Casino will provide some serious cash. Make sure you are one of the first 106 people in the door each Thursday night to receive your FREE official Thirsty Thursdays T-Shirt, your ticket to cash and fabulous prizes!

NASCAR 2005 Cash for the Cup Weekly through November 20, 2005

Start your engines and race on in to Creek Nation Casino for the excitement for NASCAR racing! Your shot at over \$100,000 in cash and prizes, including two Tony Stewart edition Monte Carlos! Play against Chris Plank from KTBZ 1430 AM for weekly cash prizes, a NASCAR Special Edition Car and a trip to 2006 Daytona 500. Who else is going to reward you for your excellent NASCAR knowledge?

GENERAL FUND:	BUDGETS	ENCUMBERED	EXPENDED	BALANCE
MCN LEGAL DEFENSE FUND	261,208.00	0.00	0.00	261,208.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOP/LAND	179,700.00	200.00	40,273.00	139,227.00
TREASURY	3,223.00	0.00	0.00	3,223.00
ANGEL TREE	0.00	0.00	1,704.00	(1,704.00)
LITIGATION & LOBBYING	34,903.00	34,903.00	0.00	0.00
GENERAL TAXES & LICENSES	370,736.00	5,584.00	198,856.00	166,296.00
MOTOR FUEL TAXES	1,135,184.00	59,627.00	184,690.00	890,867.00
ADMINISTRATION/INDIRECT	3,151,350.00	153,400.00	729,031.00	2,268,919.00
CONSUMER LOANS	0.00	0.00	3,221.00	(3,221.00)
CREEK NATION BINGO	16,553,742.00	291,426.00	3,224,329.00	13,037,987.00
CN PERMANENT FUND	676,393.00	3,400.00	160,150.00	512,843.00
TOM JOHNSON PERM FUND	0.00	0.00	18,541.00	(18,541.00)
CULTURAL PRESERVATION	0.00	150.00	1,156.00	(1,306.00)
HENSSLER ASSET MGMT	0.00	0.00	12,729.00	(12,729.00)
NICWA	356.00	0.00	0.00	356.00
MCN OVERSIGH COMMITTEE	82,069.00	71,168.00	1,000.00	9,901.00
FIRST CAPITAL MGMT PREM	0.00	0.00	23,917.00	(23,917.00)
BANK ONE CONSOLIDATION	0.00	0.00	411.00	(411.00)
TRIBAL BUDGET	537,000.00	3,600.00	66,333.00	467,067.00
MCN FLAGS & ETC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MOTOR VEHICLE	1,765,372.00	42,145.00	196,373.00	1,526,854.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND:	24,751,236.00	665,603.00	4,862,714.00	19,222,919.00
DEPT. OF LABOR:				
WIA-TITLE I '02	271.00	0.00	271.00	0.00
WIA-TITLE IVA '03	8,083.00	0.00	8,083.00	0.00
WIA-SUMMER YOUTH '03	7,488.00	0.00	7,488.00	0.00
WIA-TITLE IVA '04	525,612.00	865.00	170,671.00	354,076.00
WIA-SUMMER YOUTH '04	333,328.00	681.00	47,601.00	285,046.00
TOTAL DEPT OF LABOR:	874,782.00	1,546.00	234,114.00	639,122.00
HOUSING & URBAN DEV:				
HUD-NAHASDA '00	1,480,511.00	0.00	785,915.00	694,596.00
HUD-SAPULPA CLINIC	7,158.00	0.00	7,158.00	0.00
HUD-NAHASDA '01	6,276,463.00	0.00	585,477.00	5,690,986.00
HUD-FOOD DISTRIBUTION	18,837.00	3,235.00	0.00	15,602.00
HUD-NAHASDA '02	12,597,671.00	0.00	2,150,227.00	10,447,444.00
HUD-NAHASDA '03	16,982,182.00	19,009.00	248,064.00	16,715,109.00
TOTAL HUD:	37,362,822.00	22,244.00	3,776,841.00	33,563,737.00
DEPT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SVC:				
FAMILY PRESERVATION '03	0.00	0.00	147.19	(147.19)
CCDBG DISCRETIONARY '03	164,091.00	22,826.00	34,265.00	107,000.00
CCDBG MANDATORY '03	362,419.00	18,009.00	29,717.00	314,693.00
TITLE IV-B '03	0.00	0.00	(1,013.00)	1,013.00
FAMILY VIOLENCE '03	11,999.00	0.00	5,866.00	6,133.00
LIHEAP '04	56,757.00	0.00	0.00	56,757.00
FAMILY PRESERVATION '04	175,134.00	8,688.00	60,793.00	105,653.00
CCDBG DISCRETIONARY '04	1,312,486.00	33,976.00	246,507.00	1,032,003.00
CCDBG MANDATORY '04	1,174,011.00	34,561.00	505,950.00	633,500.00
HEAD START '04	821,507.00	363,251.00	425,893.00	32,363.00
TITLE IV-B '04	240,771.00	131.00	62,041.00	178,599.00
FAMILY VIOLENCE '04	234,297.00	20,681.00	48,269.00	165,347.00
LIHEAP '05	126,993.00	3,320.00	62,711.00	60,962.00
CCDBG DISCRETIONARY '05	1,413,981.00	0.00	0.00	1,413,981.00
CCDBG MANDATORY '05	2,372,333.00	2,640.00	974.00	2,368,719.00
HEAD START '05	1,058,077.00	6,652.00	126,250.00	925,175.00
TOTAL DHHS:	9,524,856.00	514,735.00	1,608,370.19	7,401,750.81
DEPT OF AGRICULTURE:				
FOOD DISTRIBUTION '04	0.00	0.00	(30.00)	30.00
FOOD DISTRIBUTION '05	0.00	2,690.00	69,773.00	(72,463.00)
TOTAL USDA:	0.00	2,690.00	69,743.00	(72,433.00)
PROGRAM INCOME:				
JOHNSON O'MALLEY	0.00	414.00	60.00	(474.00)
MCN CHILD DEV. CENTER	0.00	5,620.00	25,082.00	(30,702.00)
USDA HEADSTART REIMBURSE	0.00	43,324.00	17,448.00	(60,772.00)
EUFAULA DORM ACTIVITY FUND	0.00	5,063.00	1,437.00	(6,500.00)

Muscogee (Creek) Nation quarterly fi- nancial statement

Quarter ending December 31, 2004 prepared by the
Office of the Controller

In accordance with National Council Act 88-70,
section 112, as amended by NCA 89-37, the following
information for the period ending December 31, 2004
discloses the receipts, budget, encumbrances, expendi-
ture, and balance for all funds under the control of the
Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

The **receipts** are dollar amounts received for the
period ending December 31, 2004. The figures include,
but are not limited to, federal dollars received on grants
or contracts, interest earned during the quarter, and rev-
enues generated by the tribe. The total dollars spent
represent the amount spent to date for the second quar-
ter ending December 31, 2004.

The **budget** figure represents the amounts ap-
proved in the comprehensive annual budget.

The **encumbered** amounts include figures derived
from outstanding purchase orders at the end of the year.

Expended amounts state the total amount that
has been spent for each department, within that fund.

The **balance** figures reflect the net available for
each department at the end of December 31, 2004.

Any questions regarding this report may be directed
to the office of the controller at (918) 756-8700, ext.
7931.

American Indian livestock feed program

OKMULGEE — Livestock owners on tribal-governed lands may be eligible to receive monetary assistance if they meet the required criteria.

As in the past, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation will be allowed to request to enter a government-to-government contract for areas meeting the specified loss criteria because of weather or other natural disasters that had a direct effect on the availability of livestock feed on tribal-governed land.

Livestock owners are provided benefits for the actual number of animals that were present on the tribal-governed land during the feeding period in which supplemental feed was provided for the years 2003 through 2004.

For more information, contact Sunny C. Been at (918) 732-7823 or write to: Sunny C. Been, c/o Tribal Development Secretary, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee OK 74447.

Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma

DURANT — Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma Inc. (REI) has a down payment and closing cost assistance program that may fill a need for tribal members.

REI is a nonprofit economic development organization helping Oklahoma communities to build their capacity, explore their potential and expand their opportunities.

For more information, to obtain a participating lender's list, or to become a participating lender, contact Dena Sherrill at Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma, Inc. at 1(800) 811-3761 or visit their website at www.ruralenterprises.com.

Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association

OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association has temporarily changed location, along with days and hours of operation.

The new address is 3416 South Robinson St. in the Salvation Army Native American Senior Center. The office can be entered from the south side of the building.

The new days and hours of operation are Monday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the phone number remains the same at (405) 605-2621.

Wild Onion Dinner

BIXBY — Concharty United Methodist Church will be having their all-you-can-eat wild onion dinner on March 26 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The cost for the dinner is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 10 & under.

The church is located 4 miles North of Highway 16 on Bixby Road and one mile East on Garfield Road.

For more information, call (918) 366-8450.

Summer Youth accepting applications

OKMULGEE — The Summer Youth Program

began taking applications March 7 at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Employment and Training Department. If you would like to fill out an application or for more information, call (918) 732-7775.

OSU Free Immunizations

TULSA — Two free childhood immunization clinics are now provided by OSU Physicians and the Rotary Clubs of Tulsa.

The OSU Physicians and Houston Parke Clinic will be held from 1:30 to 4 p.m. each Wednesday, which began on March 9. The clinic was previously held on Fridays. The clinic is located at the corner of 11th street and Houston.

A second free immunization clinic is held each Friday from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at OSU Physicians at 2345 Southwest Boulevard.

A parent or legal guardian must accompany children ages 3 months through 18 years and the child's immunization record is required. One does not have to be an OSU patient to attend the free immunization clinic. No appointment is necessary and a Spanish language interpreter is available.

For more information, contact Karen Wicker at (918) 561-8215.

Wild Onion Dinner

OKEMAH — Springfield Methodist Church will be having their all-you-can-eat wild onion dinner on April 2.

The cost for the dinner is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

The church is located from Okemah, East on 62 Hwy. three miles, three miles South, one mile East to a "Y", turn south, signs posted.

Texas Indian Market

ARLINGTON, Tex. — The 16th Annual Texas Indian Market and Southwest Showcase will be held April 1 - 3 at the Arlington Convention Center. The show hours are 4 to 9 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Adult admission is \$9 and is good for the entire weekend and includes all shows, performances, and demonstrations. Children under 13 get in free.

The Arlington Convention Center is located adjacent to I-30 at 1200 Ballpark Way and directly beside *Six Flags Over Texas* and *The Ball Park in Arlington*.

Parking at Arlington Convention Center is directly beside the show building. The city of Arlington charges a fee of \$4.00 for parking.

The official host hotel for The Texas Festival is the Wyndham Arlington Hotel, which is located directly beside the show building. To contact the hotel, call 1 (800) 442-7275. A special flat rate of \$85 a night is available. When making a reservation, you are required to tell them you are with the Texas Indian Market to receive the special rate.

33rd Annual Symposium on the American Indian

TAHLEQUAH — Northeastern State University Center for Tribal Studies is hosting the 33rd Annual Symposium on the American Indian. The theme is, "Indigenous Innovations, Celebrating the Centennial of an Idea: The Great State of Sequoyah and other American Indian Contributions" on April 13 -16.

Guest speakers will include the Great State of Sequoyah Commission and others. For more information, contact the NSU Center for Tribal Studies, 320 Academy St., Tahlequah, OK 74464, or call (918) 456-5511, ext. 4350.

In conjunction with the Symposium, there will be a Powwow held on April 15, from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. and April 16, from 3 p.m. until midnight. The master of ceremonies will be Tony Arkeketa, Head Man. Dancer will be Louis Gray, Head Lady Dancer will be Michelle Gray, Head Singer will be George Roy, the Arena Directors are Pat Moore and Walter Buffalomeat, the Host Gourd is the Cherokee Gourd Society and Host Color Guard is the Cherokee Nation Color Guard. The event is cosponsored by NSU Indian Heritage Committee, NSU Alumni Powwow Committee and the Center for Tribal Studies.

Kansas City Indian Market

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — The 14th Annual Kansas City Indian Market and Southwest Showcase will be held on April 15 through 17 at Overland Park International Trade Center. The show hours are four to 9 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Adult admission is \$9 and is good for all 3 days, and includes all shows, performances, and demonstrations. Children under 13 get in free.

The Overland Park International Trade Center is located in the heart of Overland Park at 6800 West 115th Street, a few blocks south of loop 435. To contact the trade center call (913) 451-7691.

Parking at the Overland Park International Trade Center is located directly beside the show building.

The official host hotel for the Kansas City Indian Market is the Overland Park Amerisuites, which is a short distance from the show building. It has a special Indian Market rate of \$59 a night. When making a reservation, you are required to tell them you are with the Kansas City Indian Market to receive the special rate. For more information, call (913) 415-2553.

1955 Class of Haskell Institute Gathering

LAWRENCE, Kan. — The 1955 Class of Haskell Institute will be celebrating 50 years on May 13 and 14 at Haskell Indian Nations University. Haskell is trying to locate the following: Charles Coleman; Malcolm Tiger; and Pauline Wolfe.

For more information, contact Avis Sorrels Glodek at (760) 757-2619 or by mail at 2317 Nicklaus Dr., Oceanside, CA 92056.

Division of Health

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Division of Health is looking for qualified individuals for the following positions:

Case Manager Reintegration Program:

Requirements: A Bachelors Degree in Social. A minimum of four (4) years work experience related to parole supervision or counseling. Incumbent must possess a valid Oklahoma State Driver's license and be insurable.

Coding Specialist - CNCH:

Requirements: To qualify for the GS-4 payscale the incumbent must possess a High School Diploma and one (1) year of relevant experience. To qualify for GS-5 the incumbent should have completed a course of study in coding or three (3) years of coding experience. For GS-6, Certification as a Coding Specialist-Physician based (CCS-P is required). For GS-9, the incumbent should be Certified as a coding specialist (CCS). Incumbent is required to possess a valid Oklahoma State Driver's License and be insurable.

CHS Technician:

Requirements: High School Diploma or GED equivalent is required. One (1) year relevant experience in medical billing or related field. Incumbent must possess a valid Oklahoma State Driver's License and be insurable.

Maintenance Technician - Okemah:

Requirements: High School Diploma or GED equivalent is required. Completion of a training or program in carpentry, building/property maintenance, or related field is preferred. One (1) year relevant experience in facility maintenance is required. Relevant professional licenses or certifications related to position are not required but will benefit the incumbent.

Application Procedures:

Submit a current Division employment application form or resume (a transfer request form for current employees). All application materials are to be submitted to the attention of the staffing specialist. For further information call Personnel Services at 918-756-4333 extension 271. The Division is an Equal Opportunity Employer, however, Indian Preference will be applied in the case of equally qualified applicants.

Miscellaneous

Academy for Educational Development

WASHINGTON D.C. — The Academy for Educational Development (AED) is seeking candidates to fill positions for the newly funded American Indian Head Start Training and Technical Assistance Sup-

port System Project. The positions available are as follows:

•Early Literacy Specialist to work in the DC area with National American Indian Head Start Training and Technical Assistance system. The website for this job is <http://employment.aed.org/openings/grade7/4216-7.html>.

•Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) Coordinator Specialist to work in the DC area with the National American Indian Head Start/Early Head Start training and technical assistance support system. The website for this job is <http://employment.aed.org/openings/grade7/5043-7.html>.

•Director to work in the DC area with National American Indian Head Start Training and Technical Assistance system. The website for this job is <http://employment.aed.org/openings/grade7/4306-7.html>.

If you or someone you know meets the background or expertise, please pass this job announcement information on to them. Minority candidates are strongly encouraged to apply, especially American Indians/Alaskan Natives. Candidates may apply with resume and cover letter to: AED/HR, reference position title, 1825 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20009, fax (202) 884-8413, or e-mail: employ@aed.org.

Personnel

Teacher's Aide 4 Positions

Okmulgee Child Care, Eufaula Child Care and 2 positions at Okemah Child Care:

Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent and prior experience working in a day care/child care center environment. Must submit to and pass all necessary background checks and drug testing. Must possess a valid driver's license.

Deputy Commissioner

Office of Public Gaming:

Qualifications: Bachelors Degree in business or 3-4 years experience in a gaming related field and an Associates degree or an equivalent combination of training and experience. Must possess a valid driver's license. Must submit to and pass all necessary background checks and drug testing.

Assistant Commissioner

Office of Public Gaming:

Qualifications: Bachelors Degree in business or 3-4 years experience in a gaming related field and an Associates degree or an equivalent combination of training and experience. Must have an understanding of law and government regulations and have the ability to interact with business and tribal officials. Must possess a valid driver's license. Must submit to and pass all necessary background checks and drug testing.

Compliance Supervisor

Office of Public Gaming:

Qualifications: Associates Degree in accounting with two (2) years experience or seven (7) years experience in accounting. Must be willing to work nights and weekends, be computer literate and ability to travel between tribal gaming facilities. Must possess a valid driver's license and submit to and pass all background and drug tests.

Gaming Compliance Investigator

Office of Public Gaming:

Qualifications: Associates Degree with one (1) year experience in working with criminal or background investigation or a combination of education and experience. Must be knowledgeable of NIGC regulations. Must possess a valid driver's license. Must submit to and pass all necessary background checks and drug testing.

Accounts Payable Clerk

Muscogee (Creek) Nation Finance:

Qualifications: High School Diploma or equivalent. Must possess a valid driver's license. Must submit to and pass all necessary background checks and drug testing.

Family Preservation Worker

Children & Family Services:

Qualifications: Bachelors Degree in Social Work or a related Behavioral Science. Some experience may be substituted for education. Must have a valid driver's license. Must submit to and pass all necessary background checks and drug testing.

Trade & Commerce

Trade and Commerce is accepting applications for the following:

Travel Plaza - Okmulgee

Travel Plaza - Muskogee

Muscogee Document Imaging

Farm Authority

For more information on employment opportunities at Trade & Commerce please contact Alexis at (918) 732-7764.

These jobs have an Indian Preference.

JOB ADVERTISEMENTS: The MNN is accepting job advertisements to run in the newspaper. If you or your company would like to advertise any openings, please contact call 732-7637 for information on rates or to place your ad.

Creek Language Class

TULSA — The Mvskoke Language Institute will be offering the Creek Language for a one-day language instruction for children in grades first through sixth. Parents, helpers and community leaders are welcome to attend.

The language classes will be held at the Tulsa Indian Community Center on March 24 from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. The center is located at 8611 S. Union. To register call (918) 298-2464.

Native American Indian Flute class available

NORMAN — Classes to learn to play the Native American Flute will begin March 30 at the Jacobson House Native Art Center. The class will have four sessions from 7 to 9 p.m. on consecutive Wednesday nights. Terry Tsothigh will teach a curriculum developed by Dr. Paula Conlon. Practice flutes are available. To register, call (405) 366-1667.

2005 Art Under the Oaks Indian Market

MUSKOGEE — The Five Civilized Tribes Museum is putting on the “Art Under the Oaks Indian Market” on April 2 and 3 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The Museum is located on Agency Hill in Honor Heights Park. For more information call (918) 683-1701 ext. 4 or toll free at (877) 587-4237.

Benefit Dance

OKEMAH — A benefit stompdance for Cora Mae Wilson will be held April 2 at the Okemah Armory. The food sale begins at 6 p.m. with the dance starting at 7 p.m. until 12 a.m. The M.C. will be Roman Hill. There will be grocery baskets, door prizes and cake plates. Please bring your own chairs. All proceeds will go towards Cora’s trip back to Texas for her doctor’s visit. For more information, contact Billy Wilson at 756-7033 or Natalie Bucktrot at 732-7759, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

2nd Annual Mekko’s meeting

OKMULGEE — The 2nd Annual Mekko’s meeting will be held at the Mound on April 2nd. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Notification for people involved will be sent soon.

Creek Council House Arts Schedule

OKMULGEE — The Creek Council House, in collaboration with the Muscogee Creek Nation of Historic and Cultural Preservation, have created classes on pottery, basketry and fingerweaving that began on January 29. These classes are a continuation series and will

include two classes for the Heddle Loom for fingerweaving. There will also be two filled days dedicated to clay processing, cane harvesting and dyes. The schedule for upcoming classes are as follows: April 2 & 9 – Heddle Loom; April 22, & 23 – Beadwork class; April 30 – Finishing of projects; May 7 – Finishing of projects; May 14 – Finishing of projects; and May 14 thru June 14 – Starting Artist Show. For more information, contact Ted Isham at (918) 756-2324.

Exhibition Stompdance to be performed

ALBUQUERQUE, NM — An exhibition stompdance will be performed by Citizens of Muscogee (Creek) Nation Stompdancers for the first time at the 22nd Annual Gathering of Nations. The stompdancers will perform on April 30, after the Miss Indian World Crowning, at 9:30 p.m. All events will take place at the University of New Mexico’s “The Pit”. The address is Avenida Cesar Chavez Blvd. SE (Hwy. 25, exit #223). “The Gathering of Nations has never had a Stompdance presentation and it will be so exciting for everyone attending to see,” said Melonie Matthews, Gathering of Nations/Miss Indian World Program coordinator. For more information log on to www.gatheringofnations.com.



Prescription Savings Card Program

From the United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries and DestinationRx

The United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries has announced that United Methodists can obtain a free prescription savings card through a partnership with DestinationRx, a prescription benefit management company based in Los Angeles. The program was developed after a two-year study by The United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries. The savings card is not an insurance product.

The program offers a savings card that allows users to purchase prescriptions and other health care supplies at discounted prices. Most prescription medications are covered in the DestinationRx Prescription Program through its network of participating pharmacies. In addition, DestinationRx provides prescription savings through a toll-free telephone number for maintenance medications and savings through its website on traditional drugs, including pet medications, vitamins/minerals, over-the-counter medications and vision care.

Any member of The United Methodist Church may obtain the card at no membership cost.

The DestinationRx program cannot be used in conjunction with a traditional prescription program. However, the DestinationRx program provides savings to the member for items that may not be part of a traditional prescription program, such as birth control, smoking cessation, cosmetic, fertility products, and anti-obesity medications, etc. In addition, the DestinationRx program assists individuals who have deductibles, maximums and major medical programs.

The local church doesn't have to do anything in order for a member to enroll. All the administration will be performed by DestinationRx.

The best way to obtain your prescription savings card is to sign up on the United Methodist Association website, www.umassociation.org and click on the link to DestinationRx or www.destinationrx.com/save and using the UMA001 Pro-

motional/Group Code. After completing the enrollment form you will be provided the opportunity to print a temporary DestinationRx Savings card to immediately start your savings. After the fifth (5th) prescription is filled, by utilizing your temporary card, a permanent card will automatically be sent to your attention. United Methodists need to obtain a permanent membership ID and prescription card prior to proceeding to the Web site. If you don't have access to the internet you may order your card by phone by calling DestinationRx at 800-379-9040. Indicate that you received the invitation to apply for the card from the United Methodist Association and give the Group Number: UMA001.

The card will be delivered within seven to 10 business days.

One DestinationRx Savings ID card is good for all family members residing at the same address with the same last name.

More than 25,000 pharmacies across the United States are participating, including those at Eckerd's, Kmart and Target stores. For a complete list of participating pharmacies by zip code click on the "Find a Pharmacy" link at www.destinationrx.com.

Savings vary based upon where one obtains medication. However, savings can range from up to 25 percent on brand medications and up to 50 percent on generic drugs. The savings are based on typical pharmacy prices at a retail drugstore. Additional savings may be obtained by utilizing our prescription web vendors or prescription mail order service for maintenance medications (frequently used medications). Walmart Mail Service is our preferred mail order vendor and can be contacted at 1-866-717-5494. You are required to mention that you are a DestinationRx member to maximize your savings.

The DestinationRx card covers most prescription drugs.

In addition, on the DestinationRx Web site, the card covers items such as pet prescriptions, contact lenses, over-the-counter medications and vitamins/minerals.

There is no membership cost to United Methodist members.

The program was developed by both the General Board of Global Ministries and the United Methodist Association have been researching ways to help reduce the financial burden of prescription drugs for United Methodist members throughout the United States.

The United Methodist Association based in Dayton, Ohio, is a network of about 400 health and human services organizations. It was founded in 1940 as the Board of Hospitals and Homes of the Methodist Church. The organization is now an independent, not-for-profit corporation, and is identified as a "covenanting body" by the denomination's General Conference.

The Board of Global Ministries, with offices in New York, is the mission agency of the United Methodist Church. The board's health and relief unit worked on arranging the drug-benefit card program for United Methodists following a two-year study.

DestinationRx is a privately owned company based in Los Angeles. It was founded in 1999 as a Web-based aggregator of prescription medications. Jane Ehrman, health consultant for the General Board of Global Ministries, during the two-year study, looked at other providers in the industry and talked to clients of DestinationRx, and determined that the company had a high level of integrity, communications and service.

DestinationRx is providing the benefit and not the United Methodist Church.

To get more information on the DestinationRx Card, you may call DestinationRx at 800-379-9040. You can also contact the United Methodist Association automated telephone line at (937) 415-3624.

Church Events

Church Revival

HAYDONVILLE — Montesoma Baptist Church will have a church revival on March 23 to 27.

The revival will begin at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Speakers will be Norman Daniels, Thursday, Simmon Harjo, Friday, and Charlie Denney, Saturday. Sunday morning services starts at 11 a.m. with Jay Downing bringing the message.

The church is located 19 miles west of Okmulgee on Highway 56 and 1 1/2 miles north or 13 miles northeast of Okemah on Highway 56.

Family Gathering

OKEMAH — High Spring Baptist Church is having a Church Family Gathering on "Easter Weekend", March 25 thru 27, and are inviting past and present members, or descendents to come and join us during this time.

For more information you may contact Kathy Sue Yahola Hamilton at (918) 756-2561, Christine Wind Roberts at (918) 623-2833 or Mary Lee Severs Lee at (918) 623-4639.

Osceola Trio tapes and CD's available for purchase

SHAWNEE — The all-Indian singing group, The Osceola Trio, began with 3 freshman in high school at Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kansas, in 1948. Getting together for the school's annual amateur contest, the 3 students, Mithcell Beaver, Jimmy Anderson and J.B. Dreadfulwater, represented the dormitory, which was Osceola Hall. They won the amateur contest and decided to continue singing together.

In their senior year, they auditioned for the Ted Mack Amateur Hour, a national radio program which was being broadcasted from Kansas City, Missouri, and were selected to sing on the national radio program. From Haskell, the Trio entered Bacone Indian Jr. College in Muskogee, Oklahoma where they continued singing. While at Bacone, Jimmy's brother, Richard, joined the group and the Trio became the Osceola Four.

After singing on the Sooner Shindig Show on Channel 4 in Oklahoma City for two years and the death of bass singer, Mitchell Beaver in 1958 the Trio broke up.

In the late 70's, the Trio again began singing at

revivals and crusades. They went on a mission team - preaching, witnessing and singing to Indians and Eskimos of Anchorage, Alaska. The group now sings totally for the Lord.

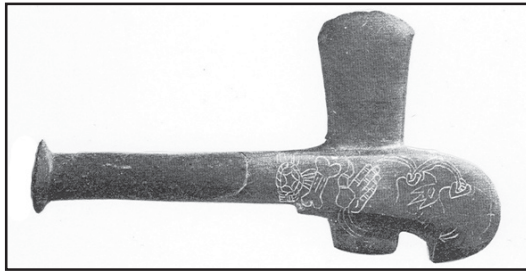
The Osceola Trio has recorded 4 cassette tapes and CD's of their singing. A fifth album has been recorded and in the process of being completed. Their decision is that sales of their tapes go into the National Indian Mission Fund which is designated to help Indian mission teams take the Gospel to Native Americans.

To order, please write to: National Indian Mission Fund, 403 North Washington, Shawnee, Oklahoma, 74801. Please include payment by check or money order and title or titles of tapes or CD's. The title of the tapes are: Pleading In Glory; Sing Till He Calls; 50th Year; Let God Abide; and He Reached Down His Hand For Me. The cassettes sell for: one for \$8; two for \$15; three for \$22 and four for \$29. CD's sell for \$15 each. When ordering, please include \$2 for handling and mailing charges.

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The wooden handle was often attached to the stone head by steaming and bending a thinly shaved handle center around the stone then securing both handle sides with rawhide straps. Rawhide was applied while wet and as the rawhide dried the resulting shrinkage held the stone head firmly in place.



War clubs were also constructed entirely of wood. Native American soldiers used the hardest wood available and carved a weapon that was very effective in combat. Many of these clubs were shaped like a spatula and had sharpened edges. A wooden war club constructed in this manner could also be used as a paddle when the warrior traveled over water.

The southeastern Native American used war clubs of basically four styles carved from hard wood. These clubs were made in the form of a sword, ball head, pick axe or gunstock.

The pick axe style often had a flint or copper blade affixed to the head to improve its combat efficiency.

The sword probably was copied from a weapon used by the Aztecs of Central America. Swords were extensively used by Muskogee (Creek) soldiers. Many sword clubs were edged with flint or shark teeth and usually were about two feet in length.

Ball headed clubs were specially made out of ironwood tree knots found along a river or stream bank because the natural curve of the tree formed a handle. These clubs were very heavy and were carved from a single piece of material with an overall length of at least two feet. Many of these clubs were decorated with the form of an eagle's claw holding the ball, sometimes the ball was carved to resemble a human skull, others were often carved to resemble various birds, wildcats and horned snakes. The handle often had crosses and rings etched in it that may have been the owners method of keeping track of battles he had survived and enemies he had dispatched.

The wooden ball head club was called "tumnahecan" by the Mahicans, a word that eventually evolved into "tomahach" and finally "tomahawk". This weapon was widely used not only in combat but in ceremonies. When a tribal council was

discussing war a tomahawk painted red was placed in the center of the council chambers.

Early European settlers were impressed with this offensive weapon and many colonial frontiersmen themselves adopted the tomahawk as their weapon of choice when engaging in close quarter hand to hand combat.

Native Americans also smoked tobacco using a tomahawk carved out of soft stone with the pipe carved of ash.

Europeans named one of these war clubs the gunstock club because the weapon resembled a gunstock. These war clubs were wide spread and very popular in the eastern woodlands. The gunstock differed from the sword club in shape and was a very formidable weapon in the hands of a skilled hand to hand fighter. It too had a wrist stop for loss prevention while in combat or to allow the weapon to dangle while in the performance of ceremonial rituals.

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- approved (23-0-0) NCA 05-011, authorizing a special appropriation for the purchase of two passenger vehicles for the senior services program of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation;

- approved (23-0-0) NCA 05-012, authorizing the appropriation of funds to create the expenditure by the office of environmental services for the new assistance agreement concerning the Clean Water Act, section 106, grant number I-976643-01-0;

- approved (22-1-0) NCA 05-013 amending Muskogee (Creek) Nation Code annotated title 37, § 1-102, regarding the manufacture and sale of flags;

voting no were: **Fields**, Tukvpvtce; representative **K. Johnson** was out of seat at time of casting of vote;

- approved (22-0-0) NCA 05-014, appropriating funds for the incidental costs associated with accepting a deed for a tract of property in McIntosh County, Oklahoma for use by the Checotah Indian Community;

- approved (20-3-0) NCA 05-016, amending MCNCA Title 26, § 5-102 entitled "District Court Judge" to change the compensation of the District Judge;

voting no were: **Barnett**, Creek; **Golden**, Okfuskee; and **Cleghorn**, Tulsa;

- approved (23-0-0) NCA 05-017, authorizing a special appropriation to the "For the Love of the Game" board for the 2005 All Indian March Madness Tournament;

- approved (23-0-0) NCA 05-018, appropriating a Title IV. B SUBPART 2 ("Promoting Safe and Stable Families") Grant Match for Children

and Family Services administration and appropriating funds for the expenditure;

- tabled (14-9-0) NCA 05-020, amending NCA 04-131 (a law of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation amending Title 16, Chapter Four of the code of laws of the Muskogee (Creek) Nation and amending and repealing certain laws to reorganize the existing structure of Lighthorse Police); voting no were: **Barnett**, Creek; **Pickering**, McIntosh; **Parish**, Muskogee; **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Golden**, Okfuskee; **Jones**, Okmulgee; **Chalakee**, Okmulgee; **Williams**, Okmulgee; and **Cleghorn**, Tulsa;

- approved (23-0-0) NCA 05-021, authorizing a special appropriation to financially assist a Muskogee (Creek) Citizen;

- approved (17-6-0) NCA 05-022, appropriating funds to provide stipends, mileage, and reimbursement for out of town travel expenses for the 2 (two) tribal citizens who the National Council approved by tribal resolution to help comprise the tobacco compact negotiating team;

voting no were: **Notaro**, McIntosh; **Parish**, Muskogee; **S. Johnson**, Muskogee; **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Nichols**, Okmulgee; and **Quiett**, Tulsa.;

February 3, Special session

Absent were: **Quiett**, Tulsa; and **Hufft**, Tulsa;

Speaker **Thomas Yahola**, Tukvpvtce District, conducted the meeting and did not vote.

In order of business the Council:

- approved (12-11-0) TR 05-026, authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a tribal gaming compact between the Muskogee (Creek) Nation and the State of Oklahoma for class III games;

voting no were: **Tiger**, Creek; **Harjo**, Creek; **Barnett**, Creek; **McIntosh**, McIntosh; **Parish**, Muskogee; **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Golden**, Okfuskee; **Ade**, Tukvpvtce; **Fields**, Tukvpvtce; **Cleghorn**, Tulsa; and **Berryhill**, Wagoner;

- approved (17-6-0) NCA 05-001, appropriating funds necessary to enter into a tribal gaming compact between the Muskogee (Creek) Nation and the State of Oklahoma for class III games;

voting no were: **Barnett**, Creek; **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Golden**, Okfuskee; **Ade**, Tukvpvtce; **Fields**, Tukvpvtce; and **Cleghorn**, Tulsa;

representatives **Chalakee**; **Cleghorn**; **Golden**; **Tiger** and **Watson** were out of seat at time of casting of vote;

Parish and **Williams** were excused.

- approved to kill (16-0-0) TR 05-017, authorizing the Principal Chief to prepare and submit an application for a pre disaster mitigation grant - competitive and approve an agreement with Brake & Associates for development of a hazard mitigation plan

National Congress of American Indian 2005 Executive Council Winter session

WASHINGTON, DC — The National Congress of American Indians held their 2005 Executive Council Winter Session February 28 - March 2, 2005. The theme was "Empowering our Traditions Through Knowledge."

The sessions started on February 27 with welcoming remarks from President Tex Hall and President Joe Shirley, Co-Chairs. The topics covered were Tribal Sovereignty Protection Meeting Homeland Security legislation, VAWA Legislation and Jurisdiction fix, Judicial nominations, Supreme court project and state streamlines sales.

On February 28, the topics discussed were a brief overview of the new Indian land consolidation act, Purpose: Public law 108-374, was signed into law by the President on October 27, 2004. This legislation provides significant opportunities to tribal governments to recover land and prevent allotted land from going out of trust status. In addition the statute regulates the probate of allotted land to prevent further fractionation. Tribal governments and tribal realty managers should be aware of the new law and should be aware of the new laws and should consider making plans to take advantage of the new opportunities. There will also be a substantial need for coordination with the Department of Interior - this meeting is intended to start some dialogue on that coordination. Speakers included: John Gossett, General Council, NCAI; Arch Wells, Director, BIA Office of Trust Services; and Robin Jaeger, Director, BIA Land Consolidation project.

Federal recognition Task Force was established to address the interest of all tribes, both federally and non-federally recognized, in any recommended changes in policies, procedures or strategic plans in the tribal acknowledgment process.

The purpose of this meetings is to review recent administrative and legislative developments, as well as discuss the position of the NCAI and the task force in relation to proposed reforms to the federal recognition process. Jacqueline Johnson and task force chairs: Rosemary Cambra, Chair, Muwelma Ohloe Tribe, CA and James Cunha, Eastern Pequot, CT, were in attendance.

Effective previous meeting were overviews and summarized. Congressional advocacy workshops were held to allow tribal leaders an opportunity to learn how to effectively advocate for their issues on Capitol Hill. It gave specifics on how to reach their Senator or Congressman. U.S. Department of Human and Health Services initiated a study to identify barriers to AI/AN/

NA access to DHHS grant programs and to consider strategies to increase the number of AI/AN/AN tribes and tribal organization that apply for and are awarded DHHS grants. This provided tribal representatives the opportunity to provide input to the DHHS study. Guest speakers were: Carla Anne Heart, Executive Director, Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairman's Health Board; Alana Landey and Peggy Halpern, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services; and Kathy Langwell, Westat.

Also covered were: telecommunications working group; Organizational structure of the Native Networking coalition; partnerships; participating tribes and organizations; reviewing missions, goals, objectives, roles and activities; developing policy platform and strategy for the rewrite of the 1996 Telecommunications Act; defining and affirm policy goals and strategies; develop a rationale to support policy goals and strategies; develop a draft of Tribal provisions to be included in the next Telecommunications Act; preparation for meeting with FCC Commissioners and bureau chiefs; discussed agendas and issues; and relevant background information pertaining to the commissioners and bureau chiefs, as well as defined and review strategies.

Logan Kelier of Government Accounting Office on FCC tribal bidding credit program said the extent of this program been useful in attracting wireless service providers to tribal lands. The current program helps with credit level, builds requirements, etc. to attract wireless service to tribal lands.

Transportation provided great opportunities to improve funding and programs for tribal transportation. This opportunity will not happen for another six years. This was a chance for tribal leaders to here the latest update on the tribal transportation language and discuss strategy for making the bill pass Congress.

White House conference on Aging meeting provided tribal leaders with an opportunity to discuss the delegate selection, option of holding and NCAI WHCOA event and elder issues of concern to them. The meeting was facilitated by James DelaCruz, President, National Council on Aging.

Last, the NCAI taxation workgroup President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform and State Streamline Sales Tax. Other events listed was the Indian Water Rights Congressional briefing, Women's Tribal Leader Luncheon and Violence against Women working group. The American Indian Visionary Award Ceremony honoring Vine Deloria, Jr., was hosted by Indian Country Today at the National Press Club.

U.S. Mint unveils new Bison nickel

WASHINGTON — Amid the drama of drumming, singing and dancing and in the presence of the revered American Bison, U.S. Mint Director Henrietta Holsman Fore presented the new 2005 Bison nickel to the American people in a Capitol Hill ceremony.

"The 2005 American Bison nickel marks the first time the image of President

Jefferson has ever changed on the nickel," said Fore. She also added that Cody is a beautiful, strong, classic American Bison.

As the new nickels went into circulation on February 28, the coins show an image of President Thomas Jefferson on the obverse and an American Bison on the reverse.

The American Bison is the third design in the United States Westward journey Nickel Series, which began with the Peace Medal nickel, followed by the Keelboat nickel, in 2004. On February 28, 2005 Americans began ordering bags and rolls of the American Bison nickels on-line at www.usmint.gov.



2005 American Bison Nickel

NCAI is also supporting relief efforts for Tsunami survivors and is urging support from tribal governments to join other world governments in providing economic aid, prayers and other spiritual support for the relief effort. NCAI is working with international organizations and federal agencies to coordinate the recognition of Indian Country's relief efforts. Many tribal governments, organizations and individual Native people have responded in the form of volunteer services and financial support.

The NCAI website www.ncai.org will share information about Indian country's contribution and some of the organizations accepting donations. One of the local organizations that are accepting donations for the Tsunami victims is: Feed the Children, P. O. Box 36, Oklahoma City, OK 73101; (405) 942.0228; or visit their website at: www.feedthechildren.com.

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COMMUNICATIONS REVOLVING	0.00	0.00	1,595.00	(1,595.00)
GAMING REVOLVING	0.00	11,297.00	4,963.00	(16,260.00)
CITIZENSHIP BOARD	0.00	0.00	4,397.00	(4,397.00)
FOOD DISTRIBUTION	0.00	0.00	891.00	(891.00)
TOTAL PROGRAM INCOME:	0.00	65,718.00	55,873.00	(121,591.00)
DEPT OF INTERIOR:				
SELF-GOVERNANCE COMPACT	9,965,532.00	195,553.00	912,527.00	8,857,452.00
DOI-ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN-UP	7,576.00	0.00	0.00	7,576.00
EUFAULA DORMITORY '01	48,063.00	48,063.00	0.00	0.00
LAMAR ROAD	33.00	0.00	33.00	0.00
KELLYVILLE ROAD	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
LITTLE CUSSETH CHURCH RD	64,298.00	0.00	21,449.00	42,849.00
OKEMAH SCHOOL ROAD	51,715.00	20,066.00	12,040.00	19,609.00
THEWARLE CHURCH ROAD	29,008.00	0.00	226.00	28,782.00
PORTER ROAD	12,693.00	0.00	6,471.00	6,222.00
OLD BIXBY ROAD	18,321.00	0.00	6,027.00	12,294.00
SALEM ROAD	78,852.00	2,451.00	131.00	76,270.00
SKELLY/HASKELL	23,935.00	23,387.00	0.00	548.00
METHODIST CHURCH ROAD	2,621.00	0.00	2,621.00	0.00
HECTORVILLE ROAD	1,253,102.00	98,952.00	6,731.00	1,147,419.00
SUMMIT SOUTH ROAD	192,532.00	192,277.00	(89.00)	344.00
EUFAULA DORMITORY '02	265,657.00	37,230.00	2,031.00	226,396.00
JOM EARLY CHILDHOOD '03	6,494.00	0.00	2,207.00	4,287.00
JOHNSON O'MALLEY '03	10,138.00	0.00	9,762.00	376.00
EUFAULA DORM '03	717,365.00	100,016.00	281,277.00	336,072.00
OAKDALE SCHOOL BUILDING	0.00	0.00	(8.00)	8.00
CALVIN NORTH ROAD	1,453,458.00	1,443,472.00	497.00	9,489.00
STIDHAM ROAD	1,194.00	0.00	0.00	1,194.00
ARBEKA ROAD	1,168,143.00	1,018,829.00	138,946.00	10,368.00
JOM EARLY CHILDHOOD '04	12,412.00	0.00	4,423.00	7,989.00
JOHNSON O'MALLEY '04	447,081.00	17,066.00	293,093.00	136,922.00
EUFAULA DORMITORY '04	989,323.00	0.00	6,191.00	983,132.00
TITLE PLANT	25,474.00	269.00	7,674.00	17,531.00
AID TO TRIBAL GOVERNMENT	25,000.00	24,834.00	0.00	166.00
BIA BUILDING	44,865.00	16,806.00	28,059.00	0.00
KELLYVILLE PROJECT	2,657,238.00	163,274.00	362,145.00	2,131,819.00
EUFAULA DORM '99	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.00
MONTEZUMA PROJECT	39,304.00	0.00	11,427.00	27,877.00
TOTAL DEPT OF INTERIOR:	19,636,427.00	3,422,545.00	2,115,891.00	14,097,991.00
DEPT OF JUSTICE:				
STOP VIOLENCE '05	152,076.00	66.00	17,359.00	134,651.00
TRIBAL YOUTH PROGRAM	260,000.00	0.00	2,900.00	257,100.00
TOTAL DEPT OF JUSTICE:	412,076.00	66.00	20,259.00	391,751.00
CAPITAL PROJECT:				
HEAD START BUILDING	1,012,512.00	0.00	0.00	1,012,512.00
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECT:	1,012,512.00	0.00	0.00	1,012,512.00
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION:				
GAP	188,225.00	24,257.00	12,658.00	151,310.00
TOTAL EPA:	188,225.00	24,257.00	12,658.00	151,310.00
ENTERPRISE FUND:				
MUSKOGEE OFFICE BLDG	206,000.00	27,113.00	98,968.00	79,919.00
ECONOMIC DEVELOP/LAND	701,008.00	928.00	120,481.00	579,599.00
COWETA CLINIC	1,641,831.00	1,425,622.00	17,909.00	198,300.00
IHS OFFICE BUILDING	28,357.00	0.00	529.00	27,828.00
INDUSTRIAL PARK	725,804.00	0.00	0.00	725,804.00
ROAD EQUIPMENT POOL	344,308.00	49,780.00	9,440.00	285,088.00
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND:	3,647,308.00	1,503,443.00	247,327.00	1,896,538.00
INTERNAL SERVICE FUND:				
ROAD FORCE ACCOUNT	812,324.00	54,271.00	142,427.00	615,626.00
TRIBAL- REAL PROP & FAC.	1,091,893.00	40,602.00	165,610.00	885,681.00
TRIBAL- PROPERTY & SUPPLY	113,348.00	0.00	56,592.00	56,756.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	36,175.00	5,336.00	7,303.00	23,536.00
SELF-INSURED HLTH FUND	0.00	0.00	773,681.00	(773,681.00)
TOTAL INTERNAL SERVICE FUND:	2,053,740.00	100,209.00	1,145,613.00	807,918.00
TOTALS	99,463,984.00	6,323,056.00	14,149,403.19	78,991,524.81

MNBE completes Tribal funded project for Creek elder

OKMULGEE — Muscogee Nation Business Enterprise Construction Services signed a contract on Feb. 1 to renovate the home of former Okmulgee District National Council Representative David Lewis and the work was completed by the end of the month.

The funds for the project were appropriated by the National Council through a tribal ordinance sponsored by Wagoner County District Representative, Barbara Gillespie. Lewis needed space in his home to allow a physical therapist to come and provide physical therapy. With limited space that was not possible.

“The scope of the work involved enclosing the carport and making it into a 12’ x 25’ room that Lewis could use for physical therapy,” said Steve Bighorse, Construction Services Manager. According to Woody Anderson, Sales Manager for MNBE, the Construction Services Group received high praises from Lewis and his wife for their effort and quality of work. “I want to commend Steve Bighorse, Justin Barnett, Glen Brown, Asi Yahola, Stanley McIntosh,

Darrel Smith, Tyrone Barnett, Raymond Barnett and Mark Watashe for a job well done,” said Michael Nalley, Director of MNBE.



Pictured above is the finished addition to the house of David Lewis.

MNBE also added additional touches to the home to help Lewis and his family. There was nothing in the scope of work to add a carport, so MNBE added a 12’ x 25’ carport and access to the front of the Lewis home with a new concrete sidewalk from his front door to the driveway providing easier access in and out of the home with his wheelchair.

“MNBE has been involved in several projects where tribal members needed help and I can tell you there is no greater satisfaction than helping people in need, to see the expression on their faces and to feel the impact it has on their lives,” said Anderson.

“MNBE is grateful to Mrs. Gillespie and the National Council for allowing us to perform the work for Lewis and we hope we can be involved in more projects like this in the

future,” said Nalley. “We have a great crew of guys who take a lot of pride in their work and they take special pride in doing work for our tribal members.”

Creek Nation Women’s Summit

OKMULGEE — The women’s summit was inspired by the Women’s Summit hosted by the Oklahoma State Capital last year. The purpose of the Creek Nation Women’s Summit was to inspire women to affect sound business/career challenges with a sense of empowerment.

The summit was held March 8th and invited a few women from various occupations to share their career experiences and how it got them where they are today. This is not to say that women with a strong business sense are not in Creek country. However, it is always helpful to be reminded we are not alone in our endeavors and there are others out there at the end of each finish line celebrating our accomplishments.

The success of the summit was accomplished by the efforts of the volunteers, the donors of time and money, the speakers, the multitude of participants, and, with great appreciation, the support of the Creek Nation Principal Chief, A. D. Ellis and his administration.



Pictured above, from left to right, are Gail and Sandra Ellis, Susan Savage, Cherokee Hicks.

Trade and Commerce Employee Selected to Participate in Prestigious Program

OKMULGEE — Laura Wesley, who is employed at the Creek Nation Trade and Commerce Authority, has been selected to participate in the Building a High-Performance Business program for minority business enterprises.

Wesley was selected for the program by nomination from the Oklahoma Statewide Native American Business Development Center and successfully matched the specific criteria that was needed in order to meet the Minority Business Development Agency’s strategic growth initiative.

The program is a strategic business education program designed to put a firm on a high-growth trajectory. Wesley will be attending the program with other successful entrepreneurs representing a vast variety of different industries from across the United States.

The program was designed exclusively for MBEs by the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth through a collaborative partnership with the Minority Business Development Agency. The program will be held on the campus of the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College which is located in Hanover, New Hampshire. The program will begin Sunday, April 3 through Friday, April 8.

Congratulations to Laura Wesley for an outstanding job and for a being a superb representation of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Native American Job Fair Successful Event for Creek Nation

TULSA — The Native American Times newspaper and the Native American Employment and Training Center joined forces to co-host the Native American Job Fair 2005 at the Tulsa Sheraton Hotel on February 25th.

The event was extremely successful with over 1000 people in attendance. The event was designed to allow Native Americans the chance to be exposed to the different employment opportunities that are available in the job market.

“The event was extremely successful. By the end of the day we had over 500 resumes,” stated Alexis Crosley, Trade and Commerce Human Resource Coordinator. “We gave out bottled water, pens, bags and had plenty of information about the different resources available to people not only through our department, but also throughout Creek Nation.”

Larry Grounds, Personnel Staffing Coordinator, stated “The event was extremely beneficial. There were a variety a businesses represented. They ranged from the Secret Service to the FBI and CIA.”

The mission of the job fair was to create an opportunity for Indian Country to meet up with quality companies for job opportunities.

“I believe the mission was completely fulfilled,” stated Crosley. “Not only was Creek Nation well represented but the overall feeling of providing a service to our Native people was overwhelming.”

Animation at Creek Council House

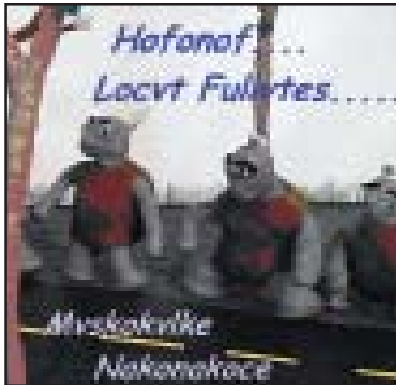
OKMULGEE — Blackgum Mountain Productions is a Native American owned company whose mission is to advance the language of Native American peoples.

They have just released their newest DVD, Creek stories by Creek Students. On the DVD there are six animated

Muscogee (Creek) traditional stories. These stories are favorites from our past, such as *How Night and Day Came To Be*, *How Come the Rabbit Has a Short Tail*, and others.

"These stories are truly a cultural treasure, to be able to hear them told in the Creek language is just fantastic," says Ted Isham, Curator of the Creek Council House Museum. "They will be invaluable for the upcoming generations of Creek citizens."

The stories, animation and voices are the work of Creek students at the Ryal, Hanna, Morris and Dustin



schools. The students make use of the newest digital technology. Video educational DVD's can be purchased at the Red Stick Gallery inside the Creek Council House Museum. For further information, contact Ted Isham at (918) 756-2324.

Language Workshop to be held

ALBUQUERQUE — Native Language Preservation Workshop will be held at the Wyndham Albuquerque Hotel at International Support on April 25-28, 2005.

This workshop will focus on the process of beginning and building language speaking competency. Following this workshop, participants can take this process back to their local programs, schools, bands and tribes to establish language-based curriculum teams. Teams should be developed in a way to allow it to permeate into the classroom throughout the school year.

These teams should also strive to incorporate cultural themes into the daily environment. As children learn the language of their culture, they also learn its values, beliefs, perceptions, and norms. Understanding this relationship between language and culture offers the most compelling reason to preserve native languages.

In this workshop participants will develop language outlines to help ensure the continued existence and vitality of Native Americans language. Each participants will receive language templates to use as guides for developing a system-

atic language learning process that will help learners to move toward a language speaking competency.

Participants will receive 3.2 hours of continuing Education Units will be recorded by the University of Oklahoma. All registrants are encouraged to bring one elder to the workshop as an Elder's Guest registration, all paying registrants are welcome to bring one elder (65+) only. The Elder's registration will be waived.

The college and University provide a range of special services for person with disabilities.

Those who register early for both the conference and hotel by March 25, may be eligible for a drawing for free conference lodging. You may register on-line, or if you need additional information, visit their website at: www.ou.edu/aai.

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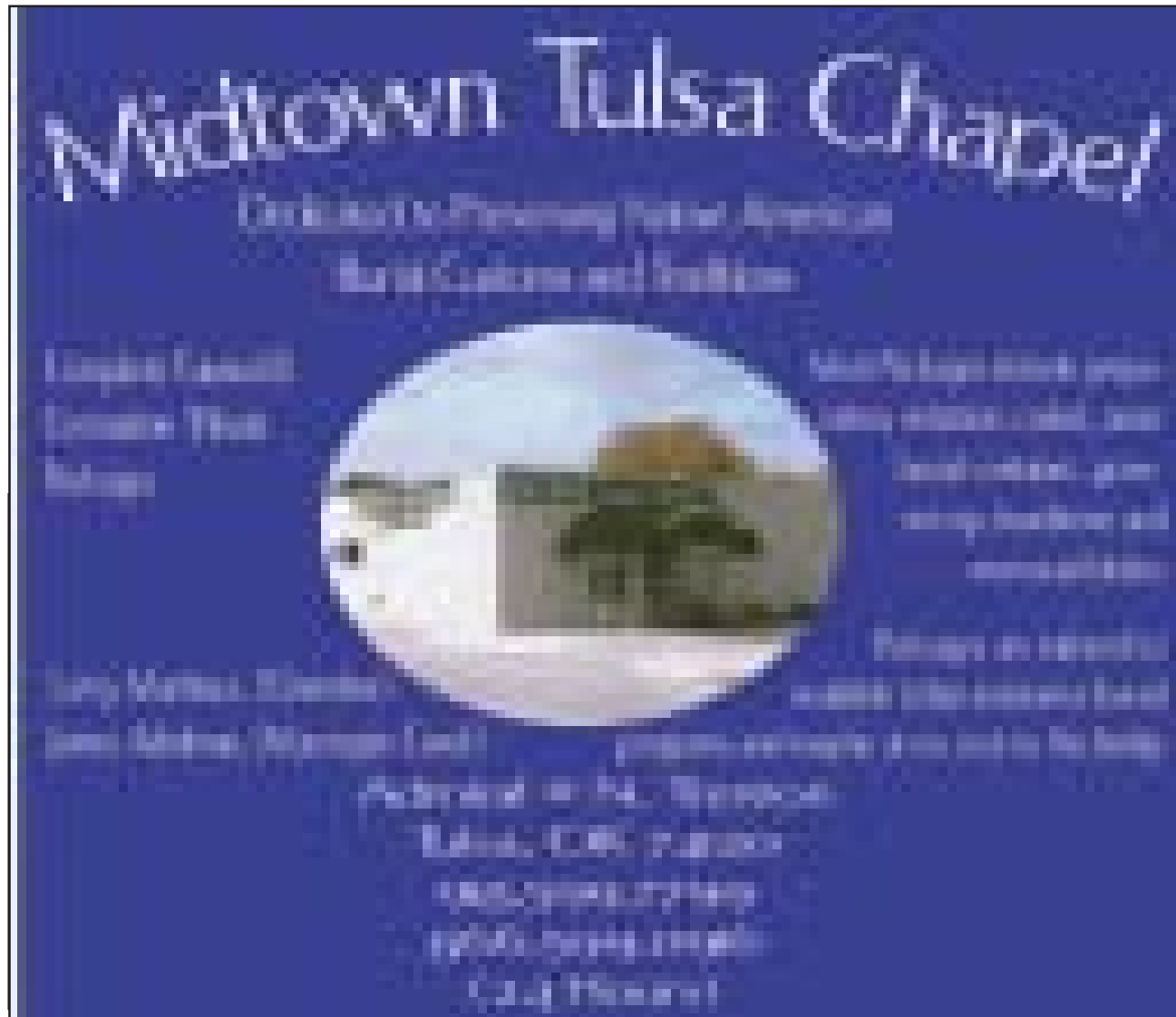
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Spotlight

"The idea came from the two of us at the time we were both college students. We discovered just how much students wanted to see Indian athletics in the main stream."

Creek and Yuchi writers getting the word out

by Gerald Wofford

LAWRENCE, Kan. — They say Indians are giving people, often willing to help in anyway possible. The aid may even come in a verbal manner, getting the word out and making sure the right people are getting the right attention.

John Harjo and Brent Cahwee are speakers who help Indian athletes through the written and electronic word. In October of the year 2000, the two gentlemen created NDNSPORTS.com, a web-page dedicated solely to Indian athletes and related sporting events. The page covers all athletes and sports on the independent, scholastic, college and professional level.

Harjo, who is Creek, Seminole, and Sho-Pai and Cahwee, who is Yuchi and Pawnee wanted to make sure the American Indian athlete was getting the proper attention. "We felt that Native American mainstream presses weren't paying attention to the many great athletes that we have competing right now," said Harjo. "We initially focused on college and professional athletes because it is a great accomplishment to compete at those levels. We have since begun covering high school Native American athletes and hope to expand into those areas even more."

And it certainly looks as though Harjo and Cahwee are doing just that. Pay a visit to the unique site and you will find just about any sporting news you want to know about Indian athletes nationally. Of articles one will find include stories such as Haskell Indian Nations University athletic recruiting day, a successful Sioux wrestler and the Lapwai Lady Wildcats Basketball team, to name a few.

"The idea came from the two of us at the time we were both college students," said Harjo. Cahwee and Harjo met at Haskell and discovered just how much they (students) wanted to see Indian athletics into the mainstream. "He (Brent) would come back to Lawrence and talked me into trying to do websites," said Harjo, and getting more interested in computers and internet dealings.

With modern technology making sporting news available by practically just a touch of a button, such information outlets as ESPN and FOX-SPORTS have certainly benefited. Harjo and Cahwee have simply taken the same course. The decision has worked out tremendously for them. But then came the decision on what to name the site.

"Initially we wanted Indiansports.com, but it was taken by a bunch of cricket players in India," laughs Harjo. "The way I remember it I said well, lets do NDNSPORTS. We fought about it for five minutes or so. The way he'll (Brent)

remember it is that he said lets do NDNSPORTS and then we fought for five minutes or so." Whoever came up with the actual name is yet to be determined, but Harjo is quick to give out proper credit to his partner. "I didn't know anything about anything to do with designing, web programming, html or anything. Brent showed me all that."

But unlike the major sports news entities, NDNSPORTS does not garner any monetary benefits. "Get a pen and paper ready to write this down," admits Harjo. "We make ZERO dollars off of NDNSPORTS.com. We have yet to make any money because the initial idea wasn't to make money, the idea was to promote Native American athletes. Would we like to make money? Sure, but who wouldn't. We will continue to work on NDNSPORTS.com even though we have to pay for all of the web hosting charges ourselves."

Cahwee and Harjo are also trying other business venues such as creating their own web design business called www.redsticks.com for small businesses.

Harjo and Cahwee aren't just about getting the word out of Indian athletes, but have also created a Native American All-Star Football Game. The

event, which was created in 2002 with the help of OKSCOUTING, consists of High School seniors, who are enrolled members of a federally or state recognized tribe, looking for exposure so they may continue their football careers at the collegiate level. The game contin-

ues to grow each year, something Harjo and Cahwee have wanted all along.

"The Native American All-Star Football game continues to be a place for Indian Country's best athletes to prove they belong on the gridiron at the college level," says Harjo. "The All-Star game is played every summer at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas."

The game has certainly had some Creek flavor to it with many Creek players from around the area competing as well as former Principal Chief Perry Beaver agreeing to coach the East last year. Unfortunately health problems kept Beaver from coaching that year, but he hopes to coach this year.

Currently Brent works in the computer department at Haskell and John is employed with the forest service as a firefighter out of Logan, Utah. Occasionally John comes to the Oklahoma and helps the Creek Nation Firefighters and even teaches classes.

Harjo and Cahwee will continue to make NDNSPORTS a convenient and welcomed site for Native American fans. Their next project will involve video, but they are making sure the project is closely kept under wraps, for now.

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“Black Cloud” the movie set to premiere in Tulsa on April 15

TULSA — “Black Cloud,” is the visually moving story of a talented young boxer who discovers his place within the boxing ring and world around him.

The film, written and directed by longtime actor Rick Schroder, stars Eddie Spears, in the title role, Russell Means, Julia Jones, Tim McGraw, Peter Greene, Wayne Knight, Tim Sampson, Branscombe Richmond and “Pooch” Marion Hall.

Black Cloud (Eddie Spears) is a spirited young boxer who backs down from no man. When Eddie Young (Rick Schroder), a gritty rodeo circuit cowboy, tries to reclaim the beautiful Sammi Haskie (Julia Jones), with whom he has a son, Black Cloud intervenes. A fight ensues and Black Cloud savagely beats Eddie, Sheriff Powers (Tim McGraw) comes after Black Cloud but is blocked by Bud (Russell Means), Black Cloud’s mentor and seasoned boxing coach.

The Sheriff and his deputies cruise the boundaries of the reservation and bide their time. Meanwhile, Olympic boxing scout, Norm Olsen, (Peter Greene), who had witnessed Black Cloud destroying opponents in a Golden Gloves Boxing tournament, offers the fighter an opportunity to fight his way on to



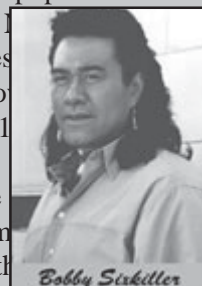
Spears

the Olympic Boxing Team. Black Cloud defiantly declines, willing to fight only his homeland, the Navajo Nation.

The film first premiered in September 2004 but was released only in select theatres. Oklahoma City was fortunate to have the movie come to their theatres but Tulsa was not. Due to number of requests and the size of the American Indian population in the Tulsa region, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation’s Cultural Department has been successful in securing a theatre and will be showing the movie at the Eastland Mall Cinema located at 1415 E. 17th St. # 179.

The “Black Cloud” premiere will be at 7 p.m. with a dinner to follow with a number of the stars. Tentative to appear for the premiere are main actor Eddie Spears and Branscombe Richmond. The price for the event is \$15 per adult and \$10 per student. The dinner will begin immediately following the movie allowing the actors time to sign autographs and answer any questions the audience may have. If you would like to purchase a ticket for the movie only, you may do so at the ticket window of the cinema.

For more information and/or to purchase tickets, contact Gerald Wofford or Sara Gibson at (918) 732-7637. The event is open to the public.



Bobby Siskiller

Shadowyze: Tireless Warrior

Shawn Enfinger, known as Shadowyze, was born in San Antonio, Texas and raised in Pensacola, Florida. He has been rapping as Shadowyze since the late 1980’s.

Drawing from the richness of his Creek Indian, Irish and Swedish heritage, Shadowyze brings his message to a wide and diverse audience. He has opened for such national acts as Ice-T, Digital Underground and Queen Latifah.

In 1998, a trip to Mexico inspired the breakthrough solo CD, *Murder in Our Backyard*, about the Mexican Military’s brutal killings of Maya Indians in Southern Mexico. The CD gained exposure in several national publications, such as *Native Peoples*, *Word Up!* rap magazine and Harvard University’s Anthropology journal, *Cultural Survival Quarterly*. The album was also nominated for the Native American Music Awards in the Best Rap category.

In 2000, Shadowyze signed to the Grammy winning Native American (Indian) owned SOAR Records based in Albuquerque, New Mexico and released his second album, *Spirit Warrior*.

World of Illusions is Shawn’s first CD on Back Bone Records. The latest album continues to shine a light on important issues that others might choose to ignore. For more information on bookings, press or upcoming releases log on to www.shadowyze.com.



Tulsa City-County Library honors contributions of American Indians

TULSA — Tulsa City-County Library will present the American Indian Festival of Words, a month-long celebration honoring the sacrifice and struggle of American Indians. Family programs will range from traditional dances with audience participation to storytelling and a special author visit.

The celebration began on March 5th with the American Indian Festival of Words Author Award. The award was given to Leslie Marmon Silko, a renowned novelist, poet and essayist.

On March 8th, there was the Tvstvnvke Singers and Exhibition Stomp Dance. The Tvstvnvke Singers are students from Glenpool Public Schools that performed stories, dances and songs of their people.

The All Nations Indian Youth American Indian Dancing performed on March 12th. The All Nations Indian Youth is a group of intertribal dancers that performed a variety of traditional American Indian dances representing their different tribes.

Storytelling by Mahenwahdose was performed on March 15th. Will Hill and Jehnean Washington shared stories, which they presented at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

Steven Woods, Native American Studies instructor at Tulsa Community College, discussed old time radio show and the American Indian on March 17th.

Creek Tales: Puppetry Workshop will be performed March 21st at Charles Page Library. The Library is located at 551 E. Fourth St. in Sand Springs. The times for the workshops are: ages 5-7, 10 until 11 a.m.; ages 8-10, 11:15 a.m. until 12:45 p.m.; and ages 11 and up, 2 until 4 p.m. Creek Tales are the focus of the puppetry workshop conducted by renowned puppeteer, Joann McMillan. Attendees will make flat stick puppets and participate in puppetry performances on March 22. Pre-registration is required. To register call 591-4585.

Creek Tales: Puppetry Performance will also be performed on March 22nd from 10 until 10:45 a.m. at the Charles Page Library. Youths who attended the puppetry workshop on March 21st will assist her.

American Indian Craft Projects will be presented on March 23rd from 2 until 3 p.m. at the Glenpool Library. The library is located at 730 E. 141st Street. Glenpool Library branch manager, Ron Cook, will present a hands-on American Indian crafts program, for ages 7-12. Preregistration is required. You may call 746-5190 to register.

On March 24th, Muscogee Creek Genealogy and Tribal History will be presented from 7 until 8 p.m. at the Central Library Aaronson Auditorium – Fourth Street and Denver Avenue. Joyce Bear, Cultural Preserva-

tion Office of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, will discuss Creek history from removal to present.

American Indian Hand Games will be presented March 26th from 2 until 4 p.m. at the Maxwell Park Library. The Library is located at 1313 N. Canton in Tulsa. Warren Pratt, Jr. and members of the Pawnee Tribe will play American Indian hand games which are guessing games of skill and chance.

Tulsa City-County Library established the American Indian Resource Center four years ago to provide a support system for American Indians in the community and to highlight their history and culture. The library offers more than 7,200 books and media by and about American Indians.

For more information about the American Indian Festival of Words call 596-7977 or log on to www.tulsalibrary.org/airc.

The American Indian Festival of Words is sponsored by Tulsa City-County Library’s American Indian Resource Center, the Maxine and Jack Zarrow Family Foundation, Tulsa Library Trust and Cherokee Builders Inc.

The events are free and open to the public. If you are hearing-impaired and need a qualified interpreter, please call the library 48 hours in advance of the program.

SIDNEY BARNES

WETUMKA — Funeral services for Sidney Barnes were held January 8 at the Williamson Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. J.B. Fish officiating.

He was born January 16, 1948 and passed away on January 6, 2005. He was the son of Tom and Leila Barnes of Wetumka.

Preceding him in death were: his father, Thomas Alex Barnes; brother, Charles Thomas Barnes; and sisters, Joella and Betty Loretta Barnes.

Survivors include: his mother, Leila Barnett-Barnes; sisters, Ann Gibson, Gloria B. Jones, Mickey Deer and Paula Herrod; two sons, Neville and Somachee Barnes; daughter, Johnetta Battiest; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and many special friends.

Pallbearers include: Legas Barnett; Palmer Noon; Alex Deer; Hillis Herrod; William Gouge; Steven Thompson and Toma Barnes.

Interment was held at the Barnes Family Cemetery in Wetumka.



Barnes

JESSE KELLEY

BROKEN ARROW — Funeral services were held for Jesse Franklin Kelly at Haikey Chapel Indian United Methodist Church with Rev. Brad Drowningbear officiating.

He was born September 23, 1946 to the late Jesse A. Kelley and Mary Lee Ragsdale Day.

Jesse was raised in Sperry and graduated from Vinita High School in 1964. He attended Bacone College for one and one half years. He married Barbara Paradise Kelley of Elko, Nevada. Jess joined the U.S. Marine Corps and was stationed in San Diego, California from 1966 to 1968. After Jesse was honorably discharged from the Marines, they moved to Los Angeles for a couple of years before moving back to Tulsa. Upon their return, he attended OSU-Tech and graduated in 1973. He worked for Target Corporation, Buy for Less and Safeway (now known as Homeland), where he worked for over 30 years and served as Manager of the Bakery Department.

He was a descendant of one of the original founders of Haikey Chapel United Methodist Church and served as Chairman of the churches' Board of Trustees for two years. Jesse

began his service to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation as members of the Citizenship and Election Board. In 1983, he was elected as a Tulsa District Council Representative for the Muscogee (Creek) National Council and he represented the Tulsa District for five succeeding terms until the time of his death. Some of his accomplishments included sponsoring and cosponsoring legislation for the Tribe's school clothing program; assistance for utility services and transportation; annual Senior Methodist's camp meetings; and ceremonies at the Council Oak Tree. He was instrumental in introducing electronic balloting for Tribal elections; acquiring Tribal funding for improving Indian church buildings, grounds, and infrastructure; expanding the nonsmoking wing of the Tulsa bingo facility; and extending the Riverside parkway. The last bill he sponsored, passed by the National Council in February, was their approval of the new gaming compact with the State of Oklahoma.

Jesse was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Lemuel Kelley.

Survivors include: his beloved wife; one son, Lance Cal Kelley of Green Bay, Wisconsin; one brother, Thurman Kelley of Claremore; two sisters, Suzanna Narcomey and Mary Ann Bell, both of Tulsa, and a cousin.

Interment was at the Bixby Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Haikey Chapel in memory of Jesse F. Kelley at P.O. Box 988, Jenks, OK 74037.

ROSA KELLY

OKMULGEE — Funeral services were held for Rosa "Rose" Mae (Lasley) Kelly at Weogufkee Indian Baptist Church with Muscogee Second Chief, Rev. Alfred Berryhill officiating.

She was born January 18, 1928 to Gilbert and Senora Simmons Lasley in Hanna.

Rose grew up in Hanna and attended school there. She lived briefly in Talihina before moving to Lawrence, KS where she attended Haskell Indian Institute, graduating in 1958. She lived in Kansas City, Kansas for many years. While living there, Rose and her husband Eugene Kelly two of the original founders of the Heart of America Indian Center in Kansas City, MO. Since 1971, the center has helped over 150,000 Native Americans from 57 different Indian Nations. Today, it still operates as the oldest continuously operated Indian Center in the U.S.

After living in Kansas, Rose returned to Oklahoma, where she served as a JOM/Teachers Aide in the Henryetta Public School System for approximately 8 years. She later became a longtime employee of the Creek Nation Elderly

Nutrition Center, where she worked as the head cook until her retirement in 1993. She retired with approximately 15 years of service with Creek Nation. After her retirement, Rose began a career as an accomplished textile artist. She was also a member of Weogufkee Indian Baptist Church and a member of Weogufkee Ceremonial Ground in Hanna. Rose was also a longtime member of the Okmulgee Indian Community.

Kelly was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and 2 brothers, Youman and Jim Lasley.

Survivors include: 2 daughters; Jeana Gouge of Dustin and Vicki Johnson of the home; 1 grandson; 1 sister, Mattie Thomas of Okmulgee; 2 brothers, Monroe Lasley of Kansas City, MO, and Mose Lindsey of Dewar; 1 goddaughter and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many good friends.

Pallbearers were Washington Kelly Jr., David Nichols, Thomas Roberson, Gilbert Thomas, Milton and Delbert Lasley.

Honorary pallbearers were Eugene Thomas Jr.; "Wolfie" Phillips; Oris "Pony", Rodman, Jeremiah and Ivan Lasley.

Interment was at the Lasley Family Cemetery next to Weogufkee Indian Baptist Church.

WILLARD YARGEE

WETUMKA — Funeral services for Willard E. "Beepsy" Yargee were held January 25 at the Wetumka Indian Baptist Church with Rev. Frank Moppin and Rev. Fred Lindsey officiating.

He was born January 19, 1958 to William and Salina Mae Tiger Yargee in McAlester.

Yargee attended Wetumka schools until moving to Holdenville in 1975. He graduated high school in 1976 and entered the United States Army National Guard in 1980. He honorably served his country in the United States Marine Corp. He returned to Holdenville after his discharge and on Dec. 22, 1997, he married Justina (Buck) Yargee. The couple made their home in Wetumka and Yargee worked with the Cook Oil Company and the Wewoka Oil and Gas Production Company. He was a member of the Wetumka Indian Baptist Church and his hobbies included going to the grocery store, riding around with his wife, Justina and their dogs, spending time with his grandchildren, fishing, hunting and collecting fishing equipment.

He was preceded in death by: his father; one sister, Teres Yargee and his dog, Baby Girl.

Survivors include: his mother, Salina Yargee; wife, Justina of the home; one daughter, Kasena Moppin of Holdenville; three stepchildren, Lucinda Josh, Yahola and Sonja Buck; one brother, Charles Yargee; four sisters, Sarah Moppin of Holdenville, Deliah Stauffer, Mona Bowman, and Marilyn Yargee, all of Wetumka; his dog, Girlie, and several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers include: Yahola Buck, Brandon Rico, James Tiger, James and Marsey Scott, Robert Berryhill, Jackie Yargee and Brownie Harjo.

Honorary pallbearers include: nephews, Cody Rico; Ryan, Jon and Jeremiah Moppin; Eric, Kenny and Jeremy Yahola.

Interment was held at the Wetumka Cemetery.

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Case No. CV 2005-06

In the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District: In the matter of notice of hearing to terminate parental rights, Jonita Kay Rowe, plaintiff vs. Victor Ramon Anderson, Jr., Defendant

NOTICE OF HEARING TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS

TO: Victor Ramon Anderson, Jr.

On the 27th day of January, 2005, an Application was filed in this court by the natural mother seeking an order of this Court to terminate Victor Ramon Anderson, Jr.'s parental rights to minor child Kyrton Daniel Anderson. The minor child, Kyrton Daniel Anderson, was born on the 13th day of June, 2001, to Victor Ramon Anderson, Jr. and Jonita Rowe. A hearing on said application is set for the 12th day of April, 2005, the hour of 10:00 o'clock, a.m. in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, Oklahoma, before the Honorable Patrick E. Moore.

Petitioner has alleged in the application that the father of Kyrton Daniel Anderson is Victor Ramon Anderson, Jr.

Notice is hereby given that the court will hear evidence in support of and in opposition to the granting of the application at the time and place above shown where you will have the right to be present and an opportunity to be heard at said time and place including the right to object to the termination of your parental rights over the said child: Your failure to appear at said hearing shall constitute a denial of your interest in the child, which denial may result, without further notice of this proceeding or any subsequent proceedings, in said child's adoption without your consent. Notice is hereby given that the court will hear evidence in support of and in opposition to the granting of the application to terminate your parental rights. If you do not appear at this hearing, the court will, on the date and time of the hearing, enter an order terminating your parental rights without further notice. Your parental rights to said child shall thereby be terminated in accordance with the tribal code of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the laws of the state of Oklahoma.

Signed and dated this 27th day of January, 2005.

/s/ Patrick Moore, Judge of the District Court
/s/ Lori J. Guevara, MCN Bar # 199
Supervising Attorney
/s/ Dawn Sturdevant Baum, MCN Bar #349
Student Clinician for Petitioner
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Case No. CV 2004-37

In the District court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District: In The Matter of service of summons by publication notice, Malinda Wilson, Plaintiff vs. Mark Edward Fisher, Defendant.

SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION NOTICE

TO: Mark Edward Fisher

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued for paternity in the District court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, Case No. CV 2004-37, styled Malinda Wilson, Plaintiff vs. Mark Edward Fisher, Defendant. The action alleges that the petitioner is entitled to an *Order Establishing Paternity* naming you as the natural father of a minor child and also asking for legal custody of the minor child and for child support to be calculated according to Tribal Code and State Law.

You are notified that you must answer the *Petition* filed by the plaintiff on or before the 27th day of March, 2005, or the allegations contained in the *Petition* will be taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of plaintiff as prayed for in her petition.

Given under my hand and seal this 27th day of January, 2005.

Tobie King, Deputy Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District

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Case No. CV 2004-70

In the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District: In the matter of notice of filing petition for change of name, In re the Name Change of Sydney Grace Barnett

NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

TO: Whom it may concern

Sydney Grace Barnett, born January 28, 1965, has filed a *Petition* in the above Court to have her name changed from Sydney Grace Barnett to Sydney Grace Martin and the same will be heard in the courtroom of Judge Patrick E. Moore, located in the District court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District Courthouse, on the 28th day of March, 2005 at 9 o'clock a.m. or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard. Any person may file a written protest in this case prior to the date set for the hearing

Given under my hand a seal this 21st day of February, 2005.

Marva Proctor, Deputy Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, Oklahoma

/s/ Lori J. Guevara, Attorney for Petitioner, MCN 199
/s/ Matthew Hall, Student Clinician for Petitioner
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Tulsa, OK 74104-2430

Shop talk with Gerald

I hope everyone is having a good March and I hope wild onions are the only thing wild in your life right now. Well, not too many sport crazed fans are too disappointed with this time of the year. The time of the lunar calendar in which sports seems to take center stage. Everyone seems to be getting a little excited right now, because its March Madness baby! College basketball will be the main focus as the NCAA will crown a national champion.

On the High School level, state playoff tournaments have ended and Sequoyah High School captured a gold and silver ball, with the girls' team being crowned the 3A State Champion and the boys' finishing runner-up to the Oklahoma Christian Saints.

On the local level, sports enthusiasts may want to check a local writer with the Tulsa World. Eric Bailey, a Creek-Seminole, has been writing for the World sports since September. Bailey covers all aspects of the sporting world with a human interest touch as well. You certainly won't have any problem identifying him next to his articles. Beside his name is a photo of the Native American writer who looks every bit like one of the boys you grew up with who lived down the street.

A bit of an update on the mascot issue we talked about in last month's issue. Apparently, the Oklahoma Senate Committee on Education did not feel a need to bar Indian mascot names and the Oklahoma Racial Mascots Act died with a vote of 18 to 5. Even though the bill, which was sponsored by State Senator Judy Eason McIntyre, has been defeated for now, supporters of the bill are still happy the issue even went up for debate. "We are encouraged because two years ago this wasn't even an issue that people were discussing and today it was heard in the Senate," said Louis Gray, President of the Tulsa Indian Coalition against Racism (TICAR).

Well the 2nd annual March Madness Basketball Tournament will be tipping off March 23 through the 27 to be exact. Action will take place at the Dewar High School Gymnasium. The brackets are full on both the girls and boys side with teams from Arizona, and Texas also competing. Scholarships will also be awarded to deserving scholastic athletes.

Of course the traditional 3-point, team ball, and slam-dunk contests will be featured as well. Don't forget the East/West All-Star games that will feature the best of the best. Other items to note are the outstanding offense and defensive players of the tournament.

Maybe the powers that be may want to seriously consider renaming the month of March to basketball. After all, that's mainly the one thing people are thinking about during this time. Yeah, there's that thing called St. Patrick's Day and of course Easter, but sometimes that switches to April. So why not give this pivotal seasonal month of the year a sports title.

Member of a championship team looks back and reflects

The year of nineteen hundred and sixty-six was a pivotal year in history. Among he growing crisis in Vietnam, the civil rights march across the country, and a nationwide youth movement, a group of Oklahoma Indians went out and won the 1966 State Indian Basketball Championship.

The Tulsa Hawks, a team comprised of 14 tough, hard nosed ball players were right for the times. The young men, at the time, represented an era when basketball was a more disciplined sport, where team work and a strong work ethic was demanded.

The basketball showboats and attitudes of today weren't discovered yet and a focus of team first and winning on the scoreboard, were still the main priority.

The team's roster was comprised of last names that are probably heard even now in local sports circles, but belonging to nephews, nieces, and grandchildren today. The team included J.W. McCune, Russell Ellis, Joseph Smith, Chubby Anderson, Wiley Ryal, James Ingram, Ed Postoak, Pete McIntosh, Jim Marshall, Jim Wolfe, Ray Postoak, Jim Marrujo, Louis Fish and

Ken Bruno. The team was independent, often teams of that nature only played on weekends for just a good time, but the Hawks approached the game in a business type manner. Even the coach, Bennie Asbury, saw the game in a serious and respectful manner. Asbury would wear a suit and tie to each game ready to lead the team in the proper manner. His philosophy on coaching attire would be totally unheard of in today's independent tournaments.

B a c k then it wasn't unusual for a player whose team lost out to go and join another winning team in the same tournament. Ryal says it felt like they were playing an all star team during the finals.

"When the tournament started to really go in our favor, many opposing teams would begin to protest in the middle of games and demand proof of Indian citizenship from our players," said Ryal. "Finally, we had an Indian preacher by the name of George Hicks testify over the loud speaker that we were all Indian."



The 1966 State Indian Basketball Champions Tulsa Hawks.

Creek athlete still keeping the faith at the age of 60

SUN LAKES, AZ — You're only as old as you feel is a quote Ella 'Calanie' Bailey truly lives by.

The 60 year old Creek athlete continues to play the game of softball.

Bailey, grew up in Avondale, Arizona. From the comforts of a desert background, Bailey plays ball with the passion of a 15 year old. She plays with two teams, the Sun Lakes Swingers and the Arizona Sunsets.

Bailey has played every position but calls her self a utility player. "I never know where the coach would put me," she laughs.

Bailey credits her uncles Bill and Jack Barnett on teaching her to play softball and how to pitch in 1953. She was living in San Diego at

the time and played for area teams, including the Navy Wives League, who were League Champions four years in a row.

Like the movie, *The Natural*, Bailey grew older but still wanted to play. In 1979, at the age of 35, Bailey walked onto the Oklahoma Baptist University Women's softball team as a pitcher. Bailey's teams would qualify for the College World Series two years in a row. That has been the last time that the college has made an appearance at the College World Series.

Bailey has recently been invited to play with the Tucson Ranchettes in the National Senior Olympics in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in June.



Bailey